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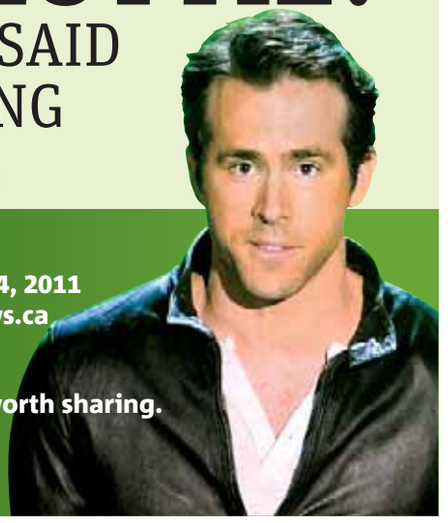

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City votes to scrap some downtown bike lanes

- Jarvis project cost $59,000 just a year ago
- Flashpoint between cyclists, drivers

The Mayor Rob Ford administration has rolled over Toronto cycling advocates, handing them a pricey bike-lane plan it insists will make them safer.

City council voted 28-9 yesterday to spend $410,000 to erase the year-old, two-kilometre bike lanes on Jarvis Street, as well as lanes on Birchmount Road and Pharmacy Avenue in Scarborough.

The same vote approved Ford ally Denzil Minnan-Wong's plan for a 14-kilometre network of physically separated bike lanes on four downtown streets, and asked staff to try to avoid erasing the Jarvis lanes before cyclists have the alternative of a protected lane on nearby Sherbourne Street.

A council chamber gallery full of cyclists bemoaned losing any of Toronto's hard-won 174 kilometres of lanes.

The protected lanes will be a first for Toronto but most will probably go on streets that already have painted lanes. Yesterday's vote — sacrificing Jarvis, Birchmount (2.5 kilometres) and Pharmacy (3.4 kilometres), while adding Dawes Road (2 kilometres) — might shrink the overall network.

"(Cyclists on Jarvis) will still be there. They will just no longer be safe."
COUN. KRISTYN WONG-TAM, WHOSE WARD INCLUDES JARVIS

"We haven't given up on Jarvis," said Dave Meslin, a community activist who urged fellow cyclists to converge on city hall for the vote. "Cyclists depend on those lanes for safety, and we'll keep fighting to defend them."

Minnan-Wong surprised colleague Kristyn Wong-Tam, whose ward includes Jarvis, yesterday with a successful motion to reinstall on Jarvis a centre lane that reverses direction depending on the time of day.

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▶ Cyclists on Jarvis approach Bloor Street yesterday on their way to city hall to protest the city's decision to remove some downtown bike lanes. Inset: Shawnte Clow says she was sideswiped by a car on Queen Street East while cycling to city hall to join the protest. Queen Street East doesn't have a bike lane.

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Mumbai blasts

Three bombings minutes apart kill at least 21

- Called worst terror attack in India since '08 siege

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Murder suspect spotted on dating show

- Viewer's tip sent police investigating bachelor's previous life {page 10}

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Judge acquits woman who helped police

A judge has acquitted a woman who alerted police about a package of cocaine but ended up getting charged herself.

Arresting citizens who report crimes could have a "chilling effect on the criminal justice system," said Ontario Superior Court Justice Beth Allen.

Kimlee Richardson, 24, exercised her public duty in calling police about the mysterious grey plastic bag that a friend left in her care, the judge wrote in her recent judgment.

It turned out to contain thousands of dollars worth of powdered cocaine, the judge said.

"Members of the community could be reluctant to call the police and hand over contraband that came into their possession innocently if as a result of performing this civic duty they could be arrested and driven through the court process to have their guilt determined," the judge wrote.

"An obvious and yet compelling point the defence makes is that Ms. Richardson supplied the police the entirety of the information about the cocaine. That, I find, does not signal guilt. That information, however, ironically led to her arrest."
ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT JUSTICE BETH ALLEN

At the woman's trial, prosecutor Kerry Benzakein argued that her behaviour pointed to her knowing or being wilfully blind to the fact that the bag contained a controlled substance.

Defence lawyer Michael Leitold argued that Richardson's conduct indicated she was innocent.

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City firefighters face the heat

Talk of downsizing fire department comes as Toronto faces prospect of $774 million budget shortfall next year

The Toronto fire department is the latest organization to brace for deep downsizing as Mayor Rob Ford's administration presses for a smaller workforce.

Sources say Chief Bill Stewart recently submitted a report to the budget committee stating 22 trucks — about 300 firefighters — would need to be pulled off the road to meet the mayor's reduction target.

A cut of that size would mean a 16 per cent service reduction, which union leaders say will send insurance rates up and put lives at risk.

"It's going to be devastating. They're playing Russian roulette with people's lives," said Ed Kennedy, president of the Toronto Professional Firefighters Association.

Toronto Fire is already spread dangerously thin and understaffed compared with other municipalities, he said.

It's a claim that seems to be supported by the KPMG core service review, which found that "Toronto has fewer vehicles deployed per capita than other cities in Ontario."

KPMG also found Toronto's travel time to calls is 24 per cent longer than the council-approved target.

In 2002, the Fire Underwriters Survey sent a warning to the City of Toronto that failure to replace aging firetrucks would affect its safety grade.

Despite the risk, Toronto Fire, like all city departments, has been told to make a 10 per cent reduction in its budget. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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▶ Toronto Fire Chief Bill Stewart at a fire at 200 Wellesley St. Sources say Stewart submitted a report to the budget committee stating some 300 firefighters would have to be pulled to meet the mayor's reduction target.

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Pit stop on family's 'Marathon of Health'

Family of 8 makes halt in Toronto during 17,000 km charity run Mayor Ford declines to meet with team

A summer vacation doesn't usually mean running over 17,000 kilometres across Canada and the United States. But the Chicoine family is doing just that with the "Marathon of Health," a 10-month run aimed at raising $5 million to promote children's fitness around the world.

Yesterday, the family made their way across Toronto. The Toronto Star chatted with Ed Chicoine and his daughters about their family's adventure.

Q: What was the inspiration for the Marathon of Health?

Ed: It was Aug. 1, 1980. I was driving down Highway 69 in Sudbury and who do I see literally on the side of the road? Terry Fox. I just stopped my Volkswagen Beetle and I thought, "Wow, it would be cool one day to run across Canada" and so 31 years later, I decided I wanted to do it. All of sudden, it became a whole family adventure.

Q: Why did you choose to raise money for childhood physical health?

Ed: In Canada, more health care means more disease care. We're really good at treating disease, but we don't do very much in wellness and getting people to stay healthy. Our mission is to educate people and inspire them to get out there to be active.

Q: How much money have you raised so far?

Dayna: We've raised around $5,000 to $6,000.

Q: How has the reception been with the City of Toronto?

Ed: We were asking the city to acknowledge us, and they couldn't do a proclamation because it wasn't directly related to the City of Toronto. But they are giving us a scroll. I don't know what that is but we're assuming it will acknowledge our efforts and the mayor will sign it. We asked for a photo with (Mayor Rob Ford) because we usually get our photos taken as we go along and apparently, he's not available this week.

Q: How has this marathon affected your lives?

Dayna: I've put everything on hold. I was at McGill University. We also had jobs lined up but this is more important than that. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

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▶ The Chicoine family, from left, Gaye (mom), Jake, 19, Dayna, 23, Whitney, 17, Karina, 21, Ben, 25, and Ed (dad), during a stop at Ontario Place during their 17,000-kilometre Marathon of Health across North America.

Crown seeking lighter charges in raccoon beating case

The Crown is pursuing lighter charges than it could potentially seek against a Toronto man who allegedly beat a family of raccoons in his backyard.

Dong Nguyen faces charges of animal cruelty and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose in connection with an alleged attack on the raccoons in the garden of his west-end home last month.

Crown lawyers told court yesterday they are choosing to move forward with the charges as summary offences rather than indictable charges.

Indictable offences would allow for greater punishment, including a maximum sentence of up to 10 years for the weapon charge.

Nguyen, 53, could serve a sentence of no more than 18 months if convicted of animal cruelty.

His next court date is set for Aug. 18. Nguyen did not appear in court yesterday.

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▶ Dong Nguyen has been charged with cruelty to animals and possessing a dangerous weapon.

Camille Labchuk, spokeswoman with Lawyers for Animal Welfare, said the Crown should have stuck with indictable charges.

"Animal cruelty cases should generally be pursued to the full extent of the law to provide that deterrent factor and protect human public safety ... given the strong link between animal violence and human violence," she said.

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Attack

- Police were called early on the morning of June 1 after neighbours awoke to the sounds of a man allegedly attacking a family of raccoons with a shovel.
- Animal services says one baby raccoon suffered some broken toes and was taken to a wildlife rehabilitation centre to recover.

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Toronto to host Microsoft gathering

Partner conference expected to bring 15,000 people and $52 million

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Microsoft Corporation will bring its Worldwide Partner Conference to Toronto in 2012, Tourism Toronto announced yesterday.

"Our government is thrilled that Toronto has been chosen to host next year's Microsoft Worldwide Partner Conference," said Laura Albanese, MPP York South-Weston, in a release.

"This is a major win for the GTA and Ontario — it will put us front and centre on the world map, while boosting support for jobs, the economy and increased tourism."

With more than 15,000 people coming from 130 countries, the meeting is set to take place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre and the Air Canada Centre. The event is expected to generate $52 million in revenue for the City of Toronto. According to Andrew Weir, VP of communications for Tourism Toronto, 35 hotels have been contracted so far, with dozens of other venues across the city expected to be involved in the event.

"A lot of local businesses are going to benefit from this," said Weir.

A Microsoft convention was previously held in Toronto in 2004 but on a much smaller scale, with 4,000 people attending.

The conference will take place July 9 to 13, 2012.

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▶ MPP Laura Albanese speaks at a press conference yesterday at the Air Canada Centre, held to announce Toronto's winning bid of the Microsoft Worldwide Partner Conference.

Downtown parking second-most expensive

When it comes to pricey parking, Toronto is now second in Canada and sixth in North America.

The dubious distinction comes care of the 11th annual Colliers International parking rate survey, which looks at costs in 61 cities across the continent, including 12 in Canada.

The survey found that drivers in downtown Toronto park for an average of $332.38 a month, $23 a day and $9 an hour. Only drivers in Calgary — which ranked second in North America behind New York City — pay more in Canada for parking, shelling out an average of $472.50 per month, $25 per day and $7 per hour.

"Parking is one of the purest forms of economics you see in the real world," said Julian Jones, senior vice-president of business development at Impark, a private parking operator. "It really is a question of supply and demand."

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▶Farzad Maghsoudi has run Frank's Valet parking lot for 20 years — one of the cheapest places to park downtown

The amount of underground or covered parking, the only kind included in the Colliers survey, is almost completely static in cities like Toronto, Jones said, adding pricing is the only variable.

"The one thing we can't do is bake more bread, so to speak," he said.

Drivers can check rates by neighbourhood at http://toronto.bestparking.com. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

A drop in rates

Toronto maintained one of the top spots despite a 1.2 per cent drop in rates over the last year.

- In contrast, Calgary's parking rates rose by 4.2 per cent over the same period.
- Suzanne Bedford of Colliers International called the decrease "a blip," saying rates will most certainly climb again.

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President in tears

Backlash feared in Afghan killing

Afghan President Hamid Karzai stood weeping at his murdered half brother's open grave yesterday.

Ahmed Wali Karzai, one of southern Afghanistan's mightiest power brokers who was felled by the point-blank bullets of a close associate, was laid to rest.

But beyond the confines of the sprawling government guest house where the Afghan president was grieving, few were shedding a tear for Ahmed Wali — known as AWK.

An eerie silence fell over Kandahar as it was gripped with the fear of retaliatory violence following Tuesday's assassination.

The streets of the provincial capital were empty and most shops closed in anticipation of a bloody backlash — a testament to the power AWK, a political kingpin, wielded when he was alive.

"My message for them (the Taliban) is that my countrymen, my brothers, should stop killing their own people."
AFGHAN PRESIDENT HAMID KARZAI

The killer, Sardar Mohammed, was himself gunned down in the moments following the shooting.

He was one of only a handful of people within AWK's inner circle.

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Spain. Bullish on bulls

▶ Incoming! The water churns as young men dodge a dive bombing bull in Denia, Spain.

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Diving bulls make waves at seaside festival

Forget Pamplona's running of the bulls. Another town in Spain, Denia, went one better yesterday — diving bulls. Young men dodged this 600-kilogram bull as it made a splash at a seaside festival. Happily, it all went swimmingly. No injuries were reported and all the diving bulls were brought back to land in small boats.

Egypt fires nearly 700 top police officers

Egypt's government, meeting a key demand by protesters, fired nearly 700 top police officers yesterday to cleanse the discredited and widely unpopular force, state TV reported.

And in another nod to demands by activists, Egypt's military is delaying parliamentary elections initially expected to take place in September, Egypt's state news agency said.

The vote is now to be held in October or November, the report said.

Many of the political parties that arose from the Jan. 25-Feb. 11 uprising against Hosni Mubarak sought to delay the vote so they could compete more effectively against better prepared and financed Islamists, like the Muslim Brotherhood.

The dismissal of 669 police officers responds to one of the main demands of protesters camping out in Cairo's central Tahrir Square. The protesters want the police force to be purged of remnants of the Mubarak regime and officers involved in the killing of nearly 900 protesters.

Egyptian state TV said 37 of the dismissed officers face charges of killing protesters.

Among those dismissed were 505 major-generals, 82 colonels, and 82 brigadiers, the report said.

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▶ A protester shouts slogans in Tahrir Square yesterday.

Tahrir a magnet

- Protesters still in Cairo's Tahrir Square lifted their siege of the city's largest government building yesterday, allowing business to resume there.
- Hundreds of Egyptians holding personal documents funnelled into the building, a symbol of Egyptian bureaucracy.
- The protesters were camped out for a sixth day.

Rich getting richer

Economists and community activists are applauding a report on Canada's growing income inequality, released yesterday.

The report by the Conference Board of Canada shows how wage gains by rich Canadians far outpaced those by middle-income and poor Canadians from 1993 to 2008.

The average income level of the poorest group of people in Canada increased — after taxes and transfers and after adjusting for inflation — but only marginally, to $14,500 in 2009 from $12,400 in 1976.

But the gap between the real average income of the richest group of Canadians and the poorest group grew from $92,300 in 1976 to $117,500 in 2009.

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Church in a coverup

A new investigation into the Catholic Church's coverup of child abuse found yesterday that the County Cork diocese of Cloyne and its bishop ignored Irish church rules requiring all suspected molestation cases to be reported to police — and the Vatican encouraged this concealment.

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Boy, 8, dismembered: Police

A young boy who vanished coming home from day camp in one of the safest parts of New York City was killed and dismembered by a stranger he turned to for help after getting lost, police said yesterday.

An intense search for the missing eight-year-old, Leiby Kletzky, ended with the gruesome discovery of pieces of his dismembered body inside the home of a man who had been seen with the child around the time he disappeared, police said.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said the 35-year-old suspect, Levi Aron, made statements implicating himself in the boy's death. Formal charges are pending.

When detectives arrived at the man's attic apartment, they asked him where the boy was and he nodded toward the kitchen, Kelly said.

Detectives saw blood on the freezer door and they opened it to discover bloody knives, a cutting board and feet inside.

The rest of the body was found inside a red suitcase that had been tossed into a trash bin in another neighbourhood, police said.

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▶ A Chinese murder suspect who spent 13 years on the run has been captured after appearing on a television dating program.

Murder suspect spotted on TV

Charming Chinese dating show winner allegedly stabbed man to death more than 13 years ago

On the surface, Liu Hao with his songbird voice seemed like the ideal candidate as a romantic partner on one of China's popular dating shows.

The 39-year-old music teacher wooed the audience with his soulful singing, and won fans as he duked it out with competing bachelors using his high-energy running man dance to techno music. Liu's wide grin reflected his confidence.

One woman was so entranced, she picked him out of eight eligible bachelors on the Happy League dating show in Heilongjiang province in northeast China.

She picked a possible killer.

Police in Jilin city in northeast China said yesterday they had detained Liu after they received an anonymous tip more than a month ago from a viewer who recognized the pudgy-faced Liu as a suspect in a murder case from the 1990s.

Police watched the tapes and indeed Liu resembled Wu Gang — who allegedly stabbed a man to death outside a restaurant in Jilin.

After a month-long investigation, Liu was detained as the key suspect in the case.

A clip of Liu's appearance can no longer be found on the Happy League website, which has videos of other episodes.

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RUSSIA

Cruise boat death toll rising

The death toll from Sunday's sinking of a cruise vessel on the Volga River rose to 100 yesterday as families continued to bury the dead and rescuers searched for 29 people still missing.

The Russian Emergency Situations Ministry said in a statement yesterday that some 200 divers are still scouring the river for bodies. A total of 208 people are believed to have sailed on the 55-year-old double-decker boat, the Bulgaria, that officials say was overloaded when it sank.

They have not yet determined the cause of the sinking. Survivors reported the boat was listing to starboard and having engine trouble even as it left the town of Bulgar en route to Kazan, about 750 kilometres east of Moscow.

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U.S., Russia sign pact on adoption

The United States has agreed to investigate reported abuse of adopted Russian children and increase oversight of adopting families. The deal is a response to the furor created last year when an adoptive mother from Tennessee put her 7-year-old boy unaccompanied on a plane back to Moscow because she didn't want to be his mother anymore.

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AIDS drug ready for heterosexuals

Drug lowers infection rate by 78 per cent: Study

An AIDS drug already shown to help prevent the spread of the virus in gay men also works for heterosexual, two studies in Africa found. Experts called it a breakthrough for the continent that has suffered most from AIDS.

"These studies could help us to reach the tipping point in the HIV epidemic," said Michael Sidibe, executive director of the United Nation's AIDS program. "This is really a game changer," said Dr. Jared Baeten, the University of Washington researcher.

The prevention drug is Truvada, a pill already on pharmacy shelves. It's made by Gilead Sciences Inc., based in California. Another Gilead drug, Viread, was also used in the studies.

Earlier research with Truvada found it prevented spread of HIV to uninfected gay men. But experts were thrilled at the first compelling evidence that AIDS medications can prevent infection between men and women. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which gave advice for use of the preventive drugs among gays, is now developing guidance for heterosexuals in the U.S.

At the same time, national and international health officials said it's far from clear how preventive use of these drugs will play out. How many people would want to take a pill each day? Would they stick with it? Would they become sexually reckless?

There already is a supply problem. In Africa, 6.6 million people are now on AIDS drugs, but nine million people are on a waiting list, according to the World Health Organization. In the U.S., many state assistance programs that help people access AIDS medications also have waiting lists.

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Rally. Unplugged

▶ Plainclothes Belarussian police officers detain a protester in central Minsk yesterday during another round of silent protests against the hardline authorities.

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Cops hack social network protest

Human rights groups and witnesses said police detained dozens of people in the capital Minsk and other major cities during a weekly protest organized through the Internet by a group called Revolution through the Social Network.

Muslim woman enters ring

Atlanta resident Kulsoom Abdullah, 35, tomorrow will become the first woman to enter the U.S. weightlifting championships wearing clothing that covers her body, keeping with her Muslim faith. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saggy pants charges dropped

Prosecutors said they won't file charges against a University of New Mexico football player who was arrested for wearing saggy pants at San Francisco airport. They said criminal charges were not warranted. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Afghan women in air force

Four Afghan women training in Texas to become among their country's first female military pilots hope to inspire other women back home. There is currently only one female pilot now in the Afghan Air Force. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Three blasts minutes apart kill 21, wound 141 in financial capital ◆ Worst India terror attack since '08

Three co-ordinated bombings tore through the heart of India's busy financial capital during rush hour yesterday, killing 21 people in the worst terror attack in the country since the 2008 Mumbai siege. The attacks came just months after peace talks resumed between India and Pakistan, which New Delhi has blamed for past attacks.

Blood-covered bodies lay on Mumbai streets and people hugged and wept. Others carried the wounded to taxis. Crowds gathered in the blast areas as police questioned witnesses, and bomb squads inspected the undercarriages of vehicles searching for clues and other explosives.

"India is not going to cow down."
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Prime Minister Manmohan Singh condemned the blasts and appealed to the people of Mumbai "to remain calm and show a united face."

Indian officials refused to speculate on who might be behind the blasts. Past attacks have been blamed on Pakistan-based militants, and Indian officials have accused Pakistan's powerful spy agency of helping co-ordinate and fund some of those strikes, including the Mumbai siege.

Pakistan's government expressed distress on the loss of lives and injuries soon after yesterday's blasts were reported.

A U.S. official said there are no claims of responsibility, or firm indication of which terrorist group might be behind the attack yet. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss matters of intelligence.

U.S. President Barack Obama also condemned the "outrageous attacks."

"The American people will stand with the Indian people in times of trial, and we will offer support to India's efforts to bring the perpetrators of these terrible crimes to justice," he said in a statement. "I have no doubt that India will overcome these deplorable terrorist attacks."

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City on edge since 2008 siege

Mumbai has been on edge since a 2008 attack. In December, authorities deployed extra police after receiving intelligence that a Pakistan-based militant group was planning an attack over New Year's weekend.

In March 2010, Mumbai police said they prevented a major terrorist strike after they arrested two Indian men, who, police said, were preparing to hit several targets in the city. In September, police issued a terror alert for the city during a popular Hindu festival.

Last month, India and Pakistan held their first formal talks on the disputed region of Kashmir since the 2008 Mumbai attacks. Both nuclear-armed nations claim Kashmir in its entirety, and have fought two of their three wars over the region since they gained independence from Britain in 1947.

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▶ Relatives of victims of an explosion cry outside the JT Hospital in Mumbai yesterday.

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▶ People carry a victim of a bomb explosion at Dadar in Mumbai yesterday.

‘Co-ordinated attack’

The bombings began with an explosion that ripped through the famed Jhaveri Bazaar jewelry market at 6:54 p.m. A minute later, a blast hit the busy business district of Opera House, several kilometres away in southern Mumbai. At 7:05 p.m., the third bomb exploded in the crowded neighbourhood of Dadar in central Mumbai, according to police.

Because of the close timing of the blasts, “we infer that this was a co-ordinated attack by terrorists,” Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram said.

A lifeless body lay on a cart. Survivors carried the wounded to taxis. One man was dragged out of the area on a red board used as a stretcher. Bleeding victims crowded into the back of a cargo truck to be taken to a hospital, where wards were filled with the wounded, slathered in white burn cream.

At Jhaveri Bazaar, a witness described two motorcycles exploding in flames and saw at least six bodies.

“People were shouting ‘Help me, help me,’” the man told Headlines Today television.

People hugged and wept. Crowds gathered in the blast areas as police questioned witnesses, and investigators wearing gloves sifted through the debris for clues.

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Home care. Sick lion

▶ Veterinarian Livia Pereira kisses paralyzed lion Ariel yesterday. Pereira is caring for the lion in her home in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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Facebook campaign to save lion

An Internet and Facebook campaign has been launched in Brazil to obtain funds needed to treat a lion that has been paralyzed for the past year. The campaign was launched by Raquel Borges, the owner of Ariel, a three-year-old, 140-kilogram (308 pound) lion that has been unable to use his four legs due to a degenerative disease affecting his medulla. Borges runs a shelter that cares for sick or abandoned animals. Borges and veterinarian Livia Pereira say that the $11,500 needed every month to pay for Ariel's treatment comes from donations from nearly 35,000 people on Ariel's Facebook page.

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RIM under pressure to deliver products

New BlackBerrys coming, executives say ◗ Devices will have same operating system as PlayBook tablet

BlackBerry maker Research In Motion will have to deliver strong new products and financial results to counter doubts about its future prospects, analysts said yesterday, a day after the company held a key meeting with shareholders.

"Unless we see positive buildup in market share and positive sell-through of smartphones and tablet PlayBooks, I think for us it's going to be a matter of standing on the sidelines," said technology analyst Sameet Kanade of Northern Securities. "They have gone in four years from being a leader to a reactor."

Shares in RIM dipped in morning trading a day after co-chief executives Jim Balsillie and Mike Lazaridis admitted at the company's annual meeting that it could be doing better in some areas, but remained staunchly upbeat that an upcoming new generation of high-end BlackBerrys will drive stronger results.

A number of recent troubles have attracted criticism and depressed RIM's stock value, including the lacklustre debut of its PlayBook tablet and a cut to its financial guidance and a plan to lay off some staff. Though the meeting had been expected to be a little rough for Balsillie and Lazaridis, they received a warm welcome and RIM's slate of directors was re-elected by shareholders by a wide margin.

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Sky falls on Murdoch's broadcasting dreams

Media magnate accepts that multibillion dollar takeover of BSkyB could not win government approval

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▶ A pedestrian passes a Sky sign at the BSkyB offices in London yesterday.

Rupert Murdoch's dream of controlling a British broadcasting behemoth evaporated yesterday as he withdrew his bid for BSkyB — the latest, biggest casualty of what British Prime Minister David Cameron called the hacking "firestorm" sweeping through British politics, media and police.

Lawmakers from all the country's main parties united to demand that Murdoch's News Corp. withdraw its bid for British Sky Broadcasting.

Murdoch had hoped to gain control of the 61 per cent of BSkyB shares that he doesn't already own. The takeover appeared certain to succeed just over a week ago, despite concerns about the size of Murdoch's hefty share of the British media market. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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I hate to boast, but the fact is I play sports with an incredibly consistent level of mediocrity.

I'm not good or bad. I'm just there.

Tennis? Running? Ball hockey? Average, average, average.

And I love it.

Want to take me on? Well, son, you best stand back at a moderate distance because I'm about to get all middling on your ass. I'm not just mean. I am THE mean.

You say you're average too? Well then, step up, and we'll find out what happens when the undistinguished force meets the intermediate object.

As you can see, it's easy to get my competitive juices flowing, even if those juices are of no-name-brand quality. I have the killer instinct, just no weapons to kill with.

At first blush, it probably seems strange that I have a viciously competitive attitude toward sports when they usually leave me blushing, period. How can I play so happily when I know I'm so very so-so?

"One day, for instance, I can look back on a friendly tennis match and recount it like I'm some epic warrior, even if it's the tale of when I had each of my limbs hacked off by a much better warrior who had this amazing overhand broadsword."

It's simple: I like adventures and want to be part of one, even if I'm just a background character.

Sports are just storytelling in real time, and not everyone can be Indiana Jones. Some of us are just University Student, Bad Guy No. 2, or Guy Who Gets His Head Run Through By A Spike.

Any part in the story will do.

It's a natural urge, to want your life to be a grand adventure. But it's hard to pretend I'm a superhero when the hardest decision I face is deciding how many times a pair of jeans can be re-worn before washing, so I instead play sports — make-believe for adults.

One day, for instance, I can look back on a friendly tennis match and recount it like I'm some epic warrior, even if it's the tale of when I had each of my limbs hacked off by a much better warrior who had this amazing overhand broadsword.

As a mediocre player, I have a small part to play in the narratives of players both better and worse. Just starting to play tennis? Make reaching my skill level a short-term goal! A slightly above-average runner? You'll feel like a world-beater when you blow by me! I'm an inspiration!

So this one goes out to all the mediocre athletes out there. The third-line left-wingers, the soccer fullbacks, the right-fielders batting eighth. I stand with you, here in the middle of the road, ready to offer all the support I can muster. An average amount, of course.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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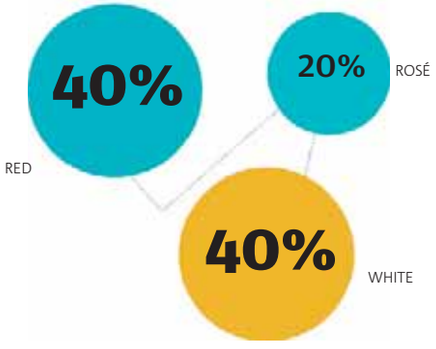

Local tweets

@cbartelse: How undoing something you just did (aka Jarvis bike lane) saves money is beyond me. Seems like you just paid twice for nothing. #tocouncil

@dylanatsmith: Councillors supportive of bike lanes are walking out in protest. Upset cyclist throws flowers onto councillors' desks. #bikeTO #TOcouncil

@chrisbesler: Toronto: I propose we rename bicycles "gravy trains"

@ivanvector: Any politician of any stripe who vows to deamalgamate Toronto gets my #ONvote in October. #justsayin #TOpoli #bikeTO

@kristiandavid: Can someone explain to me how blowing $200,000 to remove bike lanes makes sense, yet accepting 2 FREE nurses doesn't?

@graphicmatt: $200K to kill Jarvis. $70K to stop Bloor-Danforth EA. Millions to stop Transit City. Building nothing is expensive.

@emmalewzey: Had an overwhelming urge to start doing the "biker nod" when I passed other cyclists on my way home today.

Worth mentioning

SLUGS. Snails can survive being digested by birds, according to research from Tohoku University in Japan, with some of them crawling out of avian droppings to breed in new lands.

"In a previous study, we found some shells from birds' feces. The shell of Tornatellides boeningi was the most abundant," researcher Shinichiro Wada said via email. "We thought T. boeningi might be able to survive (in the) birds' guts."

To test this theory, the team fed T. boeningi, a land-snail averaging 2.5 mm in length, to Japanese white-eyes. The experiment was also conducted feeding the snails to brown-eared bulbuls.

"Of the 119 snails fed to Japanese white-eyes and 55 snails fed to brown-eared bulbuls, 14.3 per cent and 16.4 per cent of the snails, respectively, passed through the gut alive," the study says.

The findings could explain the genetic variation of isolated pockets of T. boeningi found across Japan. Instead of only mating with neighbouring snails, the land mollusc can breed with the newest arrivals to drop in. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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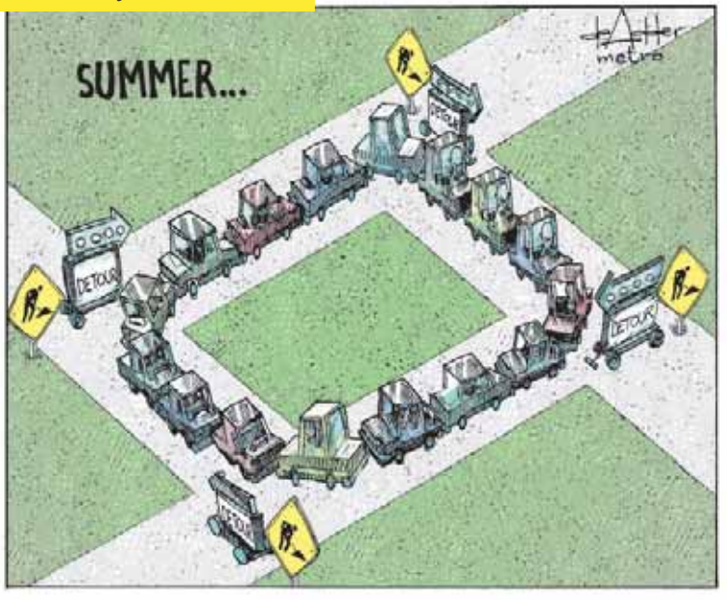

WEIRD NEWS

Snake warrants double take at Ukrainian zoo

A two-headed snake has gone on display at a zoo in southern Ukraine.

The "Skazka" (Fairy tale) zoo in the Crimean city of Yalta on the Black Sea said yesterday that the albino California Kingsnake has two heads that think, react and eat separately, though one is more passive than the other.

Dmytro Tkachov, a zoo worker taking care of the snake, said he puts a barrier between the heads when feeding the snake lest one eats the other.

The snake will be on display at the zoo until mid-September. The zoo would not provide further details. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Geek is now chic

Trekkies, sci-fi fans and comic book lovers prepare to beam down to Polaris' convention

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Hollywood's decade-long infiltration of sci-fi and comic book culture has certainly blurred the lines between the casual fan and true obsessive. But as large conventions seek out the latest corporate synergies and the next great adaptation or franchise reboot, a group of small, independently run conventions have moved in to take their place. Chief among them is Polaris, a not-for-profit fan run convention that celebrates its 25 anniversary this weekend.

"These things start as fan events," says Kristopher Webb, Polaris' head of media relations. "We can get together, hangout in a hotel and talk about everything we love."

Love and dedication are the key ingredients to Polaris's ongoing success. The TCON Promotional Society, a volunteer run not-for-profit organization, runs the event. No one takes a pay cheque or even gifts.

"It's always been about fans getting together and doing stuff for fans and the corporate entity honours that," says Webb. "I've had actors try to give me a gift for working with them and I can't accept them."

"Fans recognize that we are all volunteers doing it for the passion and love of the genre."

Originally called Toronto Trek Celebration, the name was shortened to Toronto Trek in 1989. The current name was adopted in 2007 to reflect the broad interests of the 2000 fans who attend the convention. The relatively small number of attendees (Fan Expo had over 60,000 in 2010) provides a more intimate experience. Festivities often run into the early morning hours and its not uncommon to find celebrity guests singing karaoke with fans in the hotel bar.

"We're trying to put together something that's a $200,000 event," says Webb. "It would easily double or triple the amount if they were a business."

"I always equate it to a million dollar event."

A little history

Not always front and centre

Fame Polaris flew under the radar early on, but that all changed when, after a slow news day, the Toronto Star sent a photographer to the fledgling convention to snap a few shots. The next day, organizers awoke to find a Klingon on the front page of the paper and a flood of guests they weren't prepared to handle. Faced with a growing profile, the TCON promotional society was established as a not-for-profit organization to ensure sustained, fan-friendly success in the years to come.

KAZ EHARA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Sci-fi and comic book fans will converge on Polaris this weekend.

2 scene

He's back

The former governor of California will return to acting with a starring role in the Lionsgate film Last Stand. Arnold Schwarzenegger will play a border-town sheriff who unwittingly finds himself battling a notorious drug kingpin on the run.

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Britney Spears, Lady Gaga, Nicki Minaj: who will you have stuck in your head all season? Start here to find out

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▶ Lady Gaga

There are no awards for the song of summer, just the honour of worming your tune into the collective consciousness during the most nostalgic season of the year.

And yet, to achieve song of the summer status requires more than just the hallmarks of a hit song.

It helps to have at least two of the following: laid-back vibe, a seize-the-night message, whistling, a few woah ohs or la las, funny lyrics, a booze and/or pop culture reference.

And perhaps most importantly, they all need to have that one part that will function as an in-joke between you and your friends regarding whatever summer situation you find yourself in.

The Edge of Glory by Lady Gaga
Like a great summer night, this song is all about living in the moment.

It is also the type of tune that you hear once and you already know it, with its huge buildup to the anthemic chorus, which takes place about 10 times in the song.

This makes for convenient group singalongs on the way to the beach.

Give Me Everything by Pitbull (featuring Ne-Yo, Afrojack and Nayer)
Employing the same seize-the-night ethos that make the Gaga and Britney songs work, Pitbull raps a "got it locked up like Lindsay Lohan" line as well as an "I might drink a little more than I should" line as Ne-Yo delivers the catchy chorus. You'll be playing this as you get ready to go out because you know you'll be hearing it when you hit the clubs.

I Wanna Go by Britney Spears
Britney has always been great at looking at what other people are doing, and saying, "Hey, that looks cool. Let me try!" and totally kicking ass at it. Here she runs away with the catchy whistling and the "I wanna go all the way ay ay/Takin' out my freak tonight" party message.

The Lazy Song by Bruno Mars
The formula here is Jason Mraz + Sublime, but it's hard to dock Bruno Mars points for borrowing since this song is all about being lazy. The beat is just begging for a traffic jam, where you will roll down the window and thump your hand on the outside of the car door. Anyone within earshot will be whistling along. The pop culture references abound ("Teach Me How to Dougie") and the vapid girl who says "ohmigod, this is great" about doing the deed with him is really funny.

GETTY IMAGES

The Sounds of summer

Super Bass by Nicki Minaj/ Where Them Girls At by David Guetta Featuring Flo Rida and Nicki Minaj
This summer belongs to Nicki. If only we could be certain that a third song she appeared on would be huge, we could call it a Minaj-a-trois. But we're certain that these two bangers are contenders for the song of summer.

There's something so likable about her voice, whether she's singing or rapping. She's funny, dirty and within these two jams, she effortlessly references Slick Rick, Led Zeppelin and soul singer Peabo Bryson.

The line you'll be singing: "Somebody tell him who the eff I is."

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Tonight Tonight by Hot Chelle Rae
This one has pretty much everything a song of summer should: A huge woah oh oh chorus, an easy beat, pop culture references galore ("I woke up with a strange tattoo, not sure how I got it, not a dollar in my pocket/And it kinda looks just like you, mixed with Zach Galifianakis"), funny lyrics and that carpe noche chorus of "We're going at it tonight, tonight/There's a party on the rooftop top of the world."

Pricetag by Jessie J (featuring B.o.B.)
"We just wanna make the world dance," sings Jessie J in a sexy Brit plea against a chill "Ooh Child" groove.

But Jessie is actually calling for a return to a pre-MTV worldview. "We need to take it back in time/When music made us all unite/And it wasn't low blows and video hos."

Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F) by Katy Perry
"Pictures of last night ended up online, I'm screwed/oh well, it's a blacked out blur, but I'm pretty sure it ruled." There really isn't much more that needs to be said about Perry's hilarious hangover ditty.

If you go the whole summer without busting out in the T.G.I.F. chant in this song, then you might not be able to call yourself a member of modern society.

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▶ Bruno Mars

Pumped Up Kicks by Foster the People
This third whistler on the list is actually a dark song about taking revenge on bullies. But when singer Mark Foster, who sounds like he's talking from an interrogation room during the verse, bursts into the celebratory chorus, it's easy to sing along, even if you don't realize you're saying, "you'd better run faster than my bullet."

Wetsuit by the Vaccines
The Vaccines sound like a cooler Coldplay here. With its repeated incantation of "we all got old at breakneck speed," this song was tailor made for a yearbook quote.

Every Teardrop is a Waterfall by Coldplay
Speaking of Coldplay, we should probably put them on here. Though we like the Vaccines song better, this one is definitely one of the tunes you will be hearing a lot of in these next few months, especially as the release date of their next album creeps closer in early fall.

Ice Cream by Battles
This manically sexy song has a manically sexy video. You know what else is sexy? Summertime!

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Perri opens her Jar Of Hearts to Metro

Christina Perri takes over the airwaves with her hot debut album Metro got to know more about the 24-year-old tattooed musician in a recent interview

DOROTHY ROBINSON
FOR METRO NEW YORK

Sure, Christina Perri's debut album Lovestrong landed in the Top 5 of the Billboard charts the week it debuted.

But perhaps even more noteworthy for the 24-year-old musician was the fact her double platinum first single Jar Of Hearts was performed by Lea Michele on the Prom Queen episode of Glee. Is there a bigger stamp of having made it for musicians in our new pop culture landscape? Probably not.

So now that she's overtaking the airwaves and TV sets, we had the tattooed singing sensation give us a little bit of background information.

Best piece of advice you've ever been given:
You're enough, just the way you are.

Favourite dish to cook for yourself when you're not in a rush:
My favourite thing to make is a fruit salad. I use 13 different fruits, a melon baller, and I let it marinate in its amazing fruit juice deliciousness. Yum!

What is the most repetitive question you get asked in interviews?
Does the guy you wrote Jar of Hearts about know it's about him? The answer is yes! And he thinks it's cool.

What reality show do you secretly want to be cast on?
The Jersey Shore!

What celebrity did you have a crush on as a teen?
Axl Rose and Johnny Depp

What's the last song you listened to on repeat?
Flightless Bird, American Mouth, by Iron + Wine.

You are trapped on a desert island with a TV, a DVD player and the complete series discs of one television program. What is the program?
Full House.

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The Junos head back to Ottawa

The Juno Awards are headed back to the nation's capital.

For the first time since 2003, the annual music awards gala will be held in Ottawa. The show, on April 1, 2012, will once again be broadcast on CTV.

The last time the Junos were held in Ottawa, host Shania Twain memorably cycled through a series of hockey jersey-inspired outfits.

The Junos had typically been held in Toronto or Hamilton since their inception in the early '70s, but began venturing out to other Canadian cities with the 2002 show in St. John's, Nfld.

This year's 40th anniversary show, during which Montreal's Arcade Fire claimed a leading four awards, was held again in Toronto's Air Canada Centre.

"We're very pleased to return to Ottawa for the first time since 2003's spectacular success of hosting Canada's music awards," said Juno Awards president and CEO Melanie Berry said in a statement.

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A world without Harry Potter

The young stars of Hollywood's biggest film franchises ponder their options if Harry Potter hadn't happened

In some fantasy world, Daniel Radcliffe might be a low-level gofer on movie sets. Emma Watson might be a nobody auditioning for stage plays. Tom Felton might be noodling around as a musician. And Rupert Grint might be selling ice cream on the street.

With the final Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 arriving this week, the young stars of one of Hollywood's biggest film franchises pondered what they might be doing if the acting thing hadn't worked out.

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Daniel Radcliffe

An 11-year-old when picked for the title role of the Harry Potter franchise, Radcliffe figures that since his parents worked in the arts he would have ended up in show business. "What probably would have happened, when I got to about 17, 18, and it became apparent ... to my parents that I wasn't going to be going to university, I'm sure they probably would have tried to get me an internship on a film as a runner. And then I'd just try to work my way up the A.D. ladder from there."

Emma Watson

Just 10 when she was cast as bookish Hermione Granger, Watson had no previous professional acting experience. Yet she's convinced that no matter how she would have gone on to make a living, acting still would have been part of her life. "I would have found some way to end up acting, performing. I mean, obviously, not on this scale, but I would have been doing it, I'm sure," Watson said. "I'm almost 100 per cent sure I would be doing plays, I would be acting. I mean, that would be a sideline thing for me."

Rupert Grint

Also a screen newcomer when chosen at 11 to play jittery but stalwart sidekick Ron Weasley, Grint finds it daunting to imagine a life in which he never landed among the Harry Potter clan. "It's quite a scary thought. I saw ... footage from our screen tests when we were first kind of auditioning. In one of them, there was a test with Emma and Dan with a different Ron, another kid who was auditioning at the same time. That was very weird to see that, because he was good."

Tom Felton

Like Radcliffe and Watson, the guy who co-starred as bullying Draco Malfoy expects he would have wound up doing some sort of creative work. Also like Radcliffe, Felton had previous acting experience before Harry Potter, appearing in the fantasy film The Borrowers and Jodie Foster's Anna and the King. "My brother and I often talk about it. Where would I be and what would I be doing? I like to think something creative," said Felton. "It certainly was not going to be sitting behind an office."

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▶ Sarah Ferguson

She's Fergalicious

The Duchess of York talks to Metro about her new book, Finding Sarah

Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, has written a book, Finding Sarah, detailing her "journey to find herself" a year after she was taped by a journalist asking for cash for access to her former husband, Prince Andrew of the British royal family. She starred in a docu-series of the same name for Oprah Winfrey's OWN network. The duchess dishes with us.

In the last few days, U.K. newspapers have published highly critical articles about you and your book. Do you ever get used to it?
I've had it for more than 20 years. I can't win with them. It's not a lot of fun, but Fergie-baiting sells newspapers.

Even the U.S. media criticized some of the things you did on the OWN shows.
Dr. Phil said I was addicted to approval. He was right, and my journey in the last year taught me that. I'm recovering from the need for approval. The media can say what they like — I've learned to live through it, and anyway the OWN series gave me friendships with Oprah, Dr. Phil and Suze Orman.

Diana would have been 50 this month. You obviously still miss her.
Bless her. I'm the only royal ex-wife out here. Without her, I'm the only one having to do it on my own — with no support structure. It's very difficult, because you are alone.

Loss is a key theme of the book. Your mother died in a car accident, your father from a long illness — and they divorced when you were young. What would you say if you could speak to them again?
That I love them, that I forgive them, that they have two wonderful granddaughters and that I'm a brilliant mum.

Do you recognize yourself on the video where you were set up by the journalist?
No. It was a crisis point for me, but I'm almost grateful because it forced me to confront my problems. This book and the journey I undertook are the result.

You make constant references to how wonderful your ex-husband, Prince Andrew, is. Can you ever be happy without being with him?
He is a wonderful man — my ideal, as I describe him in the book. Who knows what may happen?

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DC Comics preps fans for relaunch

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▶ The New 52

DC Comics says it is prepping readers and fans for its upcoming relaunch in late summer, offering up a free guide to its multiple relaunches of comic characters and series.

The guide, DC Comics — The New 52, will be given away free starting July 20 at comic book shops and at the annual Comic-Con International in San Diego, which starts next week.

Besides a six-page preview of the upcoming Justice League No. 1 written by DC's chief creative officer Geoff Johns and illustrated by co-publisher Jim Lee, the guide will have covers for all 52 new series, sketches and details from writers and artists.

The series, which includes new takes on characters ranging from established heroes such as Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman, will also see new costumes and background for other characters, too, such as Sgt. Rock and western bounty-hunter Jonah Hex.

At the same time, the company said it would start selling digital copies of its printed ongoing superhero titles through apps and a website the same day they're released in comic shops. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Teen Mom: Toddlers and tabloids

Stars of MTV Canada's hit series struggle to raise their toddlers while dealing with tabloid attention

People tend to stare at 19-year-old Maci Bookout.

"If I go grocery shopping or something it's not that bad but on the weekends that Bentley's dad has him and me and my friends go out ... to a club or something I can tell that people are watching to see how I'm going to act or what I'm going to do," says Bookout, of Chattanooga, Tenn., mother of a two-year-old named Bentley and one of the stars of MTV's Teen Mom, a reality show about kids with kids.

Bookout and her co-stars, Farrah Abraham, Amber Portwood and Catelynn Lowell, first made their TV debut on another MTV reality show, 16 and Pregnant. The series was so successful that the network tapped them to star in the Teen Mom spin-off. Nielsen reports some 3.65 million viewers tuned in to its third season premiere on July 5.

Viewers watched Lowell and her boyfriend Tyler grieve over the daughter they gave up for adoption (they maintain they made the right decision), Abraham's ups and downs with her mother (one altercation between the two led to her mom being charged with assault) and Bookout navigate co-parenting with her ex-fiance Ryan.

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Motherhood has made the teens instant celebrities, with tabloids and bloggers hot on their trail at every change or rumour in their lives.

"Like moving or marriage or are we pregnant again," says Abraham, 20, who has a two-year-old daughter named Sophia. "You know those things, I guess, are attention-grabbers so it's understandable why that would happen."

But Abraham doesn't think having a baby should make her a celebrity or a role model for other teens. "By no means do we think, 'Oh, it's cool to be a teen mom.' I definitely don't think that it's cool."

Lowell, 19, from Port Huron, Mich., has used her celebrity to help teens become more knowledgeable about safe sex and the responsibilities of parenthood. She speaks to teens at high schools and churches about teen pregnancy and the various options available.

"All of us kind of agree on one thing. As long as the show is doing its job as far as preventing teen pregnancy and stays educational the show will continue," says Bookout.

But celebrity hasn't been as easy for all the teens, particularly 21-year-old Portwood, of Anderson, Ind., who was given probation in June after pleading guilty to two domestic battery charges against Gary Shirley, the father of her child. The incidents aired on the reality show. The following week, Shirley called 911, fearing Portwood was about to hurt herself. The reality star was hospitalized and is now undergoing treatment at a rehab facility. Her child, Leah, is living with her father.

Teen Mom airs Tuesdays at 10 p.m. EDT.

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▶ Maci Bookout stars in Teen Mom.

TV picks

Thursday night reality

REALITY TV. What's summer without some guilty-pleasure reality TV? There's the goofy glory of Wipeout, in which enthusiastic contestants navigate difficult obstacle courses. Immediately afterwards, a new episode of Big Brother will send another houseguest packing. (Global)

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Police drama turns up heat

DRAMA. Rookie Blue is poised to turn up the heat in tonight's episode. A series of arsons leads Chris and Gail to take to the streets to narrow the list of suspects, while Andy is left to deal with a widow. Soon, they're trapped together. (Global, ABC)

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The Firm heads to TV

Juliette Lewis and Canadian Callum Keith Rennie have joined the cast of the upcoming TV adaptation of the John Grisham legal thriller The Firm.

They join a cast that already includes Josh Lucas, who stars as lawyer Mitchell McDeere, a role previously filled by Tom Cruise in the 1993 hit film based on the book.

The Firm is set to premiere on NBC and Global.

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Forget ScarJo, Ryan has a new hottie

Reynolds reportedly in relationship with Charlize Theron

Ryan Reynolds and Charlize Theron are reportedly an item, according to Us Weekly.

The two actors "have been dating — for months! They're exclusive, and it's very hush-hush," a source says.

Last year, Reynolds split from ex-wife Scarlett Johansson, while Theron broke up with longtime partner Stuart Townsend. While the new couple is reportedly quite happy together, don't expect to see them out and about, sources say.

"She won't go to an event with him. That's not her style."

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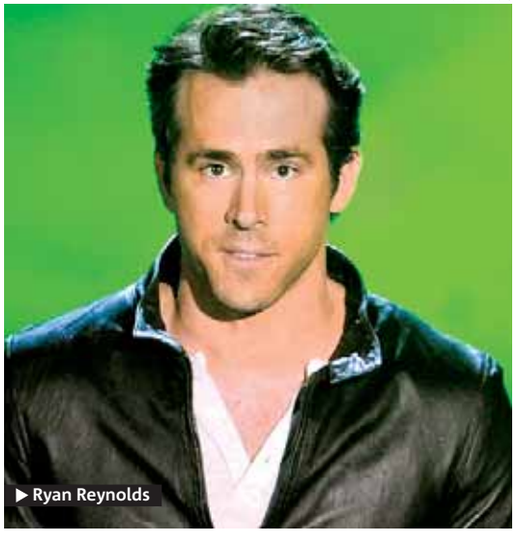

▶ Ryan Reynolds

Talking points

Apparently SJP wants us to feel sorry for her

JUST DO YOUR JOB AND GET ON WITH IT.

Sarah Jessica Parker says that, despite having plenty of experience in front of the camera, she still gets nervous at the start of each project, and her new film is no different.

"I lose my appetite," she tells Vogue.

"By Wednesday of the first week on I Don't Know How She Does It, I was sobbing. I was apologizing. I was feeling so awful and ashamed, like I had let the director down ... I'm like that two weeks into every movie. METRO

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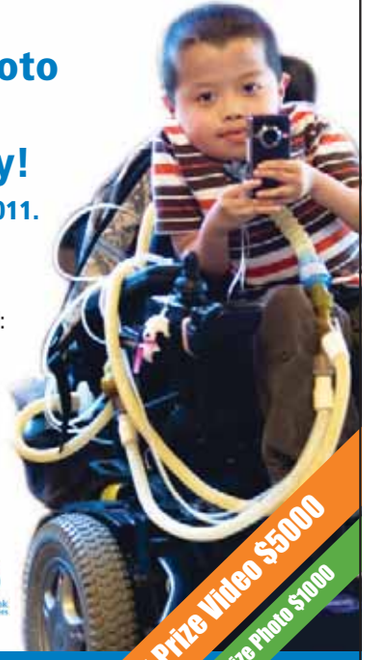

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Wedding bells for Brangelina?

Sources say power couple finally ready to say 'I do's'

While they've resisted the urge to tie the knot during their six years together, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are reportedly ready to walk down the aisle, three separate sources confirm to Us Weekly.

The ceremony could happen as soon as this summer and would likely take place at the couple's newly renovated Chateau Miraval in Correns, France, which includes a chapel on its grounds.

But despite their high profile, the wedding "would be intimate and informal," a source says.

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▶ Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

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▶ Victoria Beckham

No more kids for Beckhams, friends say

Victoria and David Beckham happily welcomed their fourth child — and first daughter — earlier this week, but don't expect them to be welcoming a fifth.

Friends of the couple say baby Harper will be their last, according to People magazine.

"She was saying, 'I just want her to get here and want to be holding her in my arms — not in my belly," a source says of Victoria in the weeks leading up to the birth. "She had not been all that tired until the end, when it is just so hard to be active so pregnant."

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'No boys' for Demi Lovato

Demi Lovato is taking herself off the market.

"To be honest, right now there is no crush," Lovato says in an interview with Ryan Seacrest.

"I have a pact with my friends right now, literally no boys for X amount of days."

Lovato recently split from Wilmer Valderrama, and she previously dated Joe Jonas, who she says knew all about the "emotional and psychological issues" that landed her in rehab late last year.

"He was my best friend for like years prior to that, so he knew about my problems," she says of Jonas.

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▶ Demi Lovato

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The bushy eyebrow is the trendiest its been since Brooke Shields rocked Calvins Celebrity makeup artist Serge Hodonou explains how to create the look at home

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
METRO WORLD NEWS

Whether you want Kate Middleton's regal arches or the wild, wolf-like gaze of model Natalia Vodianova, the first step is to stop over-plucking and let your eyebrows grow. Serge Hodonou, a makeup artist in Paris whose clients include Björk and Freida Pinto, talks us through the next steps to your perfect eyebrows.

1

Identify your face shape
"You need to create proportion," Hodonou says. "On a long, angular face, a curved brow will add roundness and softness. On a more rounded face, straight brows will create a more angular, defined structure."

2

Choose the right colour
"Stick to shades of brown and stay clear of black, as this will bring harshness to the face, even on natural brunettes," he says. "Blondes should go for a shade just a little darker than their natural colour, such as light brown."

3

Create your shape
"Thickly draw in the shape you want with an eyebrow pencil or some loose powder. I don't use a liquid eyeliner pen because it doesn't look natural. Apply a lot of colour on the top half of the eyebrow (not under) as this will help lengthen and widen your gaze. Once you reach the tip of the eyebrow, never go too low because it will drag the eye down."

4

Tap it out
"Aim for natural, not drag queen. Tap and brush the colour using your fingers and then use a Q-tip to remove any excess. Use the Q-tip to blend in the colour and avoid graphic straight lines that look fake," he says.

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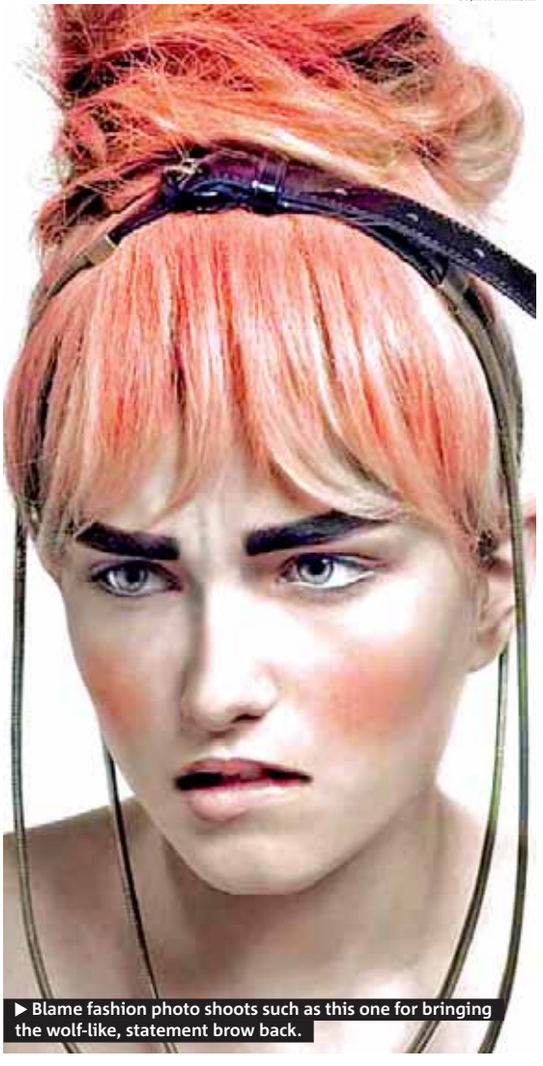

▶ Blame fashion photo shoots such as this one for bringing the wolf-like, statement brow back.

SERGE HODONOU'S TOP THREE EYEBROW SHAPERS

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"Remove the hairs one by one and never wax or shave," he says. "Remove the bottom hairs only to clean up the brow."
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Makeovers for life

Queer Eye star Carson Kressley is taking his sharp gaze on the road, helping ordinary people transform much more than just their wardrobe

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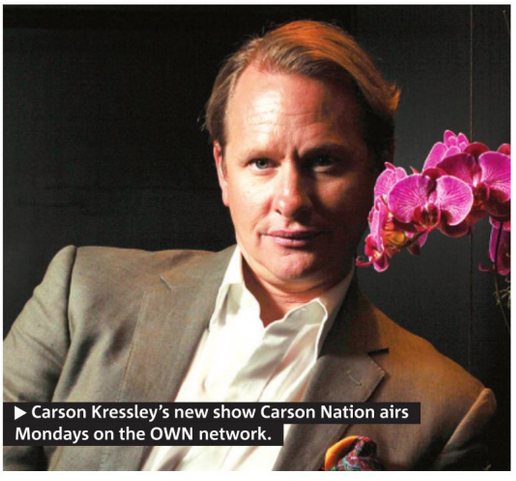

▶ Carson Kressley's new show Carson Nation airs Mondays on the OWN network.

Once clad in Saved-by-the Bell-inspired parachute pants and keyboard ties, fashion guru Carson Kressley committed fashion faux-pas too.

"I do make mistakes and I think that's something people shouldn't be so afraid of," he said. "I'd rather see a mistake being made because someone's experimenting and enjoying the process than always being so safe and boring."

And that's what he brings with him to all the towns he visits for his new OWN network show Carson Nation, spicing up the lives of hardworking individuals with a little fun, style and humour. He does what he calls "make-betters" to help people change their lives for the better. From fashion interventions to interior design, Kressley does whatever the situation calls for.

He rolls into each town to find individuals with the most inspiring stories who could use a helping hand.

"We talk to people and local officials to find out who really needs a makeover. It's not just who has a bad perm, it's who has a great story, who's inspiring," he said. "We have amazing transformations both on the outside, but I think more importantly, on the inside."

Kressley is no stranger to makeovers, with years of experience as the host of Queer Eye. And from what he has seen, there is usually a recurring theme in all the makeovers he does.

"People just stop paying attention," he said. "You get busy with work, family or with your life, and it's really important for people to remember that they're worth taking care of."

A good way to stay out of the rut, Kressley says, is to keep educating and inspiring yourself. Whether it is from fashion magazines, watching runway shows or just going out on the streets to see what people are wearing – which is exactly what he does to stay up to date.

But Kressley says it's not just about transforming people on the outside. Like the story of a 61-year-old woman who had lived as a man for 58 years before having sexual re-assignment surgery.

With no experience with makeup or how to dress as a woman, Kressley helped her get comfortable in her own skin. But it was the amount of support she received that surprised him, and is just the kind of story that sums up the essence of his show.

"It was one of those eye-opening moments where it's much bigger than just a makeover show," he said. "It's a show about our society and how people are embracing diversity, so it's pretty cool."

Carson's tips

Here are a few tips from Kressley to keep your look up to date.

- Accessories are key: a good pair of shoes, belt or a statement necklace can liven up any outfit.
- It's about mixing and matching. Don't wear one designer head-to-toe; mix vintage with new, mix high with low.
- Invest in great basics and freshen it up with accessories or switch out things that aren't expensive to keep it new and fun.
- Wear the right size, not something too big or small. The right size of clothing will fit and flatter your body.
- One rule: never wear Crocs in public.

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A beachy hue

Too tan is a beauty no-no, but sand – or at least sand-coloured cosmetics – can give you a wearable and flattering fresh-from-the-beach look.

There is no hard line drawn to define these neutral shades, offering almost endless options to women of varying skin tones and style types – and that's part of the appeal, says Jenna Menard, global colour artist at Clinique. "Depending on the sand, the colour changes."

The broad definition can mean a hint of shimmery champagne-coloured eye shadow on one person, to a strong smoky brown eye liner on another. There are countless neutral-hued lipsticks, some with the bit of coral you might associate with a tropical beach. Others are more brown like the New England coastal dunes.

Menard often uses brown mascara instead of black during the daytime, which is softer and more relaxed looking. "You want ease, not high maintenance."

However, she adds, your best colours might change as the summer moves along, especially if you are getting any natural tan. "Be aware of your skin tone," Menard says. "If you are pale and fair, then soft brown isn't nude on you – it can be a very strong colour. ... When I'm tan, even a light brown will look very different than it does in the winter." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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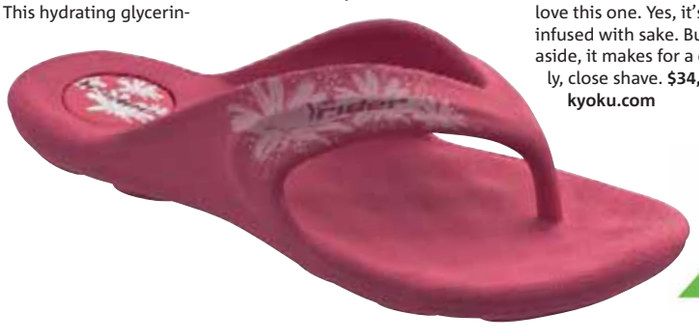

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Quick changes

If there were any lingering doubts about Kate Middleton taking her fashion choices seriously, this trip should put them all to rest. From the moment she boarded her private flight to Ottawa, the Duchess of Cambridge revealed a carefully chosen wardrobe, complete with 30 —yes, 30 — whopping outfit changes that seemed to pay tribute to both Canada and her home country.

1 Yes, she means business—or rather, she's good for business? The Duchess of Cambridge seemed to understand the power of her wardrobe decisions by wearing a blazer by the Canadian label Smythe and a Roland Mouret dress for her flight out of London.

2 In a move that would earn the approval of even the most jaded fashion editor, Middleton slipped into an Erdem shift mid-flight for her grand entrance in Canada. Designed by fashion's newbie of the moment, Canadian-born Erdem Moralioglu, it was her best look of the week.

3 Should she rethink her Issa loyalty? The silk wrap dress looked tired, dated and boring.

4 This simple, collared number by Catherine Walker suited her lithe frame and the piontier shoes make a nice change from her usual solid-colored pumps.

5 There's a fine line between paying tribute to Canada and becoming a walking tourism poster girl. The maple leaf hat is way too literal. METRO

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Joe Fresh expanding

With the steady influx of U.S. and other foreign chains setting up shop in Canada, Joe Fresh is doing a little expansion of its own on both sides of the border.

The homegrown affordable apparel brand has made its first foray into the U.S. with the opening of a summer store in East Hampton, N.Y.

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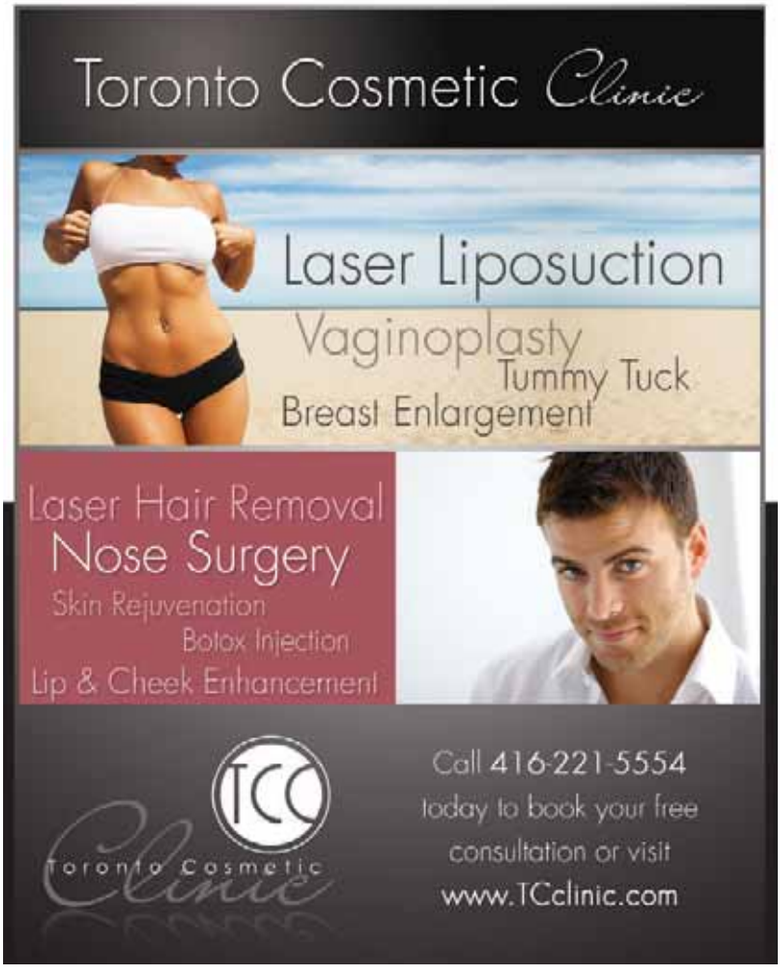

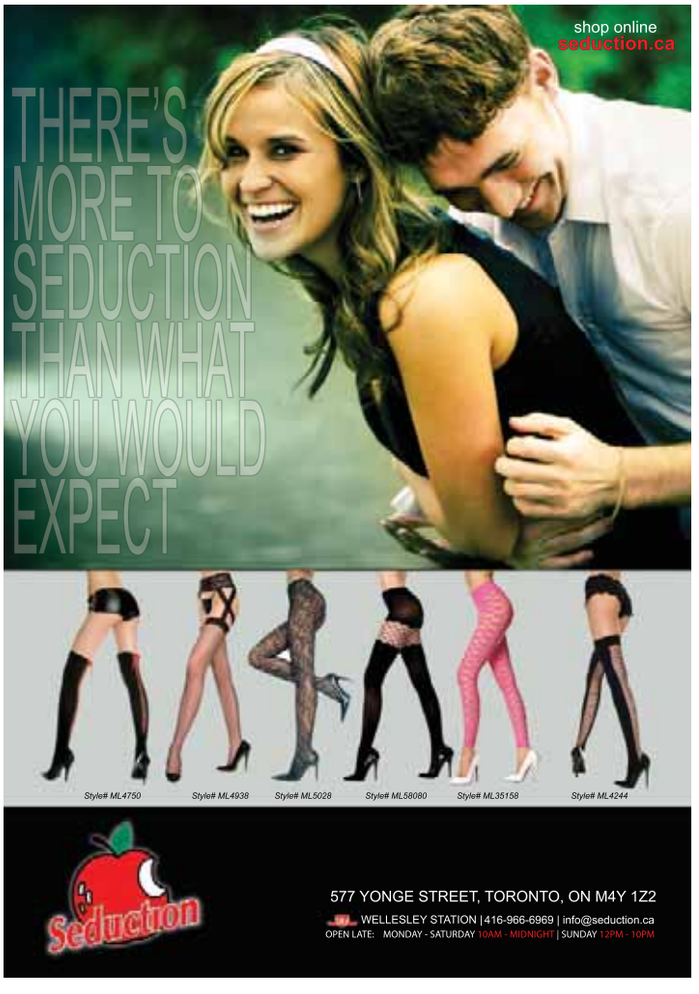

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The project overview

Introducing The Fountains, the newest addition to Liberty Development's highly successful Thornhill City Centre community, comprised of nine condominiums and 61 townhomes.

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In the neighbourhood

Just down the street from the Thornhill City Centre towers is Disera Drive, resembling a small downtown village, filled with diverse shops, services, entertainment, cafes and restaurants.

The Fountains Condos is within steps of Thornhill Green, Vaughan's first urban five-acre park.

Building amenities

The three mid-rise buildings share many amenities, including a media room, a card room, a billiard room and party room with bar.

Athletic facilities include a swimming pool with whirlpool, sauna and his/her change rooms, an exercise room and a golf simulator.

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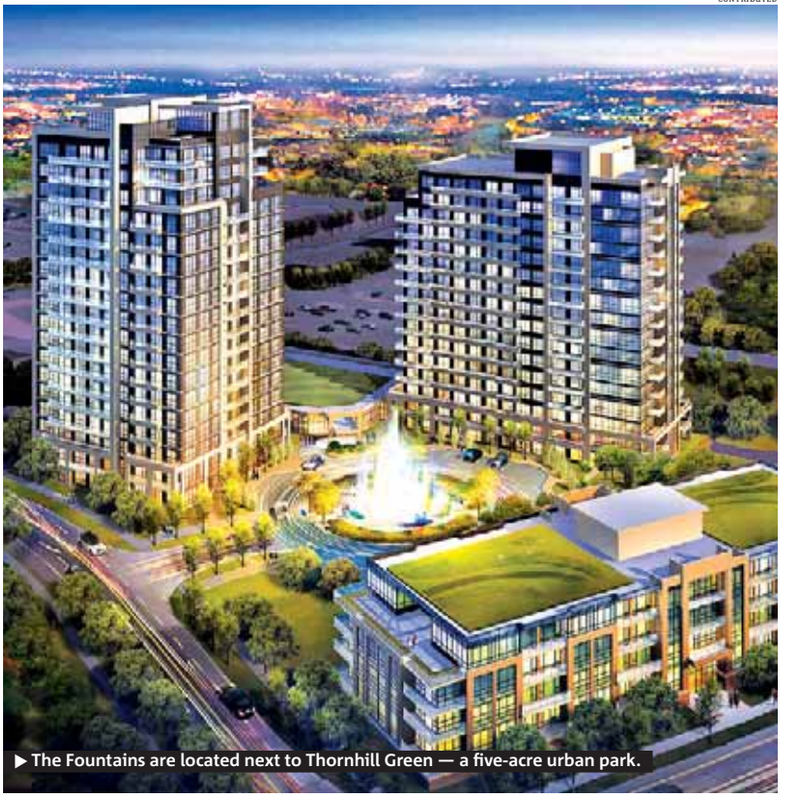

▶ The Fountains are located next to Thornhill Green — a five-acre urban park.

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TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE BUILDING CONDOMINIUMS

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It might seem premature to write about the 2015 Pan Am Games given the fact that the four-year countdown to the day we welcome 10,000 athletes into the city has just begun, but we all know that time flies.

Frankly, it's not uncommon for the condominium development cycle to take that long from concept to completion.

Apart from all the competition venues, one of the biggest games legacies will be the athletes' village on the Toronto waterfront.

Shortly, we will be learning which development consortium will win the right to build approximately 2,000 units, and not long after that we'll get to see what those buildings and suites are going to look like.

The athletes' village will be an integral part of the emerging mixed-use community unfolding over the next decade.

Between those buildings and the many others that are currently on or coming soon to the market, the waterfront area is quickly becoming one of the city's most talked-about neighbourhoods.

It doesn't hurt that all buildings within the Athletes' Village will achieve a minimum LEED Gold certification, solidifying Toronto's spot as one of the greenest cities in North America, but with the residential development comes a whole mix of commercial uses, combined with wonderful public spaces and art.

I'm pleased to note that whoever gets the nod to develop the athletes village will be a member of our association and the companies on the short-list are all blue chip brand names capable of delivering the buildings on or ahead of schedule.

Considering the way time flies when you're building condos, that's a very good thing.

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ENDING DISH DRAMAS

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Question: My husband and I have argued about this since the day we got married. Can you please share the proper way to load a dishwasher? Frustrated Wife, Vancouver

Dear Frustrated Wife:

I know exactly what you're talking about!

We had that same argument in my household when I was a kid, and it was only resolved when I became a butler and learned the correct way! Here are nine golden rules that work no matter what type of dishwasher you have.

1. For the cleaning cycle to work correctly, water needs to be able to circulate around all of the dishes.
2. Overcrowding is the most common problem.
3. Rinse dishes before loading.
4. Use racks for their designated purpose i.e. glassware on the top rack.
5. Items requiring more robust cleaning should be placed on the bottom rack.
6. Always use the amount of soap recommended by the manufacturer.
7. Always use a rinse aid. This really does help keep the dishes spotless (no gimmick here, I promise!)
8. If your dishwasher has a salt dispenser check to see if you have hard or soft water in your area. The harder your water, the increased chances that you will need salt in the dishwasher to avoid residue buildup.
9. If your dishwasher isn't full, don't run a full cycle. Run the 10-minute rinse cycle. This will rinse your dirty dishes and you can continue to fill the dishwasher until you have a full load.

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▶ Proper loading of dishes is essential.

How to load the dishwasher

Loading dishes with room around them allows for the water to circulate and clean them.

How not to load a dishwasher

Overcrowding prevents the water from circulating around all of the dishes, a main reason for dirty dishes at the end of the cleaning cycle.

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Anyone who has bought a house or condo over the last 15 years is aware of the popularity of hardwood flooring; it's often the reason we buy one home over another.

"The biggest mistake people make when choosing hardwood flooring is that they try to follow short-lived trends," says hardwood flooring expert Bill Schinas of Smithwood Floors in Etobicoke, Ont.

"Choosing a wood type and stain colour that belongs in the architectural style of your home will allow the wood floors to last a lifetime."

Here's a few of this flooring guru's dos and don'ts when choosing hardwood.

Do: Choose a wood type that is suitable for your lifestyle.
Most open-concept style homes work best with a hardwood like oak or maple. Oak tends to give a more traditional feel to the house while maple floors offer a more contemporary feel.

Don't: Choose your wood type around your decor scheme, but around the era/architecture of your home.
If you live in a modern condo, then choose a trendy flooring choice like grey-stained maple flooring. If you're buying an art-and-crafts style home then a deep cherry wood flooring would be most suitable.

Do: Follow trends of light or dark flooring as these tend to stick around for a long time.
The trend to dark wood has been around for about 10 years and slightly lighter tones are now emerging.

Don't: Choose wide planked floor boards just because they are a trend.
They can make a small space feel smaller and will not suit the scale of most rooms in the new condos and homes.

Wide planked floors will always look great in either traditional or industrial style homes.

Do: Consider stain colours like walnut as it is the most neutral of all the stain colours.
Note that cherry stains will have a more orange colour, mahogany will have more red and driftwood will have more grey (which is a big trend right now, but I think it will be short-lived).

Don't: Allow your decorator to choose your wood type and stain.
If building a house and working with a designer and architect, allow your architect to make the flooring suggestion.

They will not be as affected by trends and will incorporate the flooring choice into the integrity of the house's architectural scheme.

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Choosing hardwood flooring can be a difficult task.

Do: Consider installing unfinished hardwood flooring.
Although there is more work to install on site, it will look more professional. The wood strip lengths are longer and they can be sanded and stained many times over the floor's lifetime.

Pre-finished flooring often has microbevels between the planks, making it more difficult to sand and stain in the future.

Building castles in the sandbox

Bring a bit of the beach to your backyard The kids can get muddy and then play in the sprinkler

DIY IDEAS

Backyard sandboxes are an easy and inexpensive way to provide hours of fun and creativity for kids.

Building a sandbox is just one of many projects landscape contractor Ahmed Hassan has completed for his show Yard Crashers.

In each episode, he goes home with an unsuspecting home improvement store shopper to transform their backyard.

The Perfect Spot

Before you build anything, decide on the location and size of your sandbox.

Consider the amount of shade for children playing, line of sight for adults watching, and drainage in your yard.

Once the position has been determined, dig a three-inch deep square hole in the area.

Build the Box

Use four pieces of 2x6 untreated or non-toxic treatment wood in the length that will fit your location.

Ensure that the natural curve of each board faces inwards to prevent warping.

Attach the pieces with nails or screws, putting them in place at three points from top to bottom along each edge.

Use garden tarp or weed-blocking tarp — not plastic tarp — to cover the bottom of the box.

This will allow for drainage and prevent muddiness in the sandbox.

Simply lay it over the bottom of the box you have built and staple from one side to the other. Flip it over and place in the hole you have dug.

Fill the box with "play sand," available in most home improvement stores.

This is a natural product that is fine in texture and most commonly used in sandboxes.

Protect the Box

Sandboxes must be covered when not in use to prevent any foreign objects from getting inside.

This is especially important in neighbourhoods where local animals may decide to use it as a litter box.

To do this, simply obtain a sheet of pressure-treated plywood matching the dimensions of your box, and drill two holes six inches apart on both sides.

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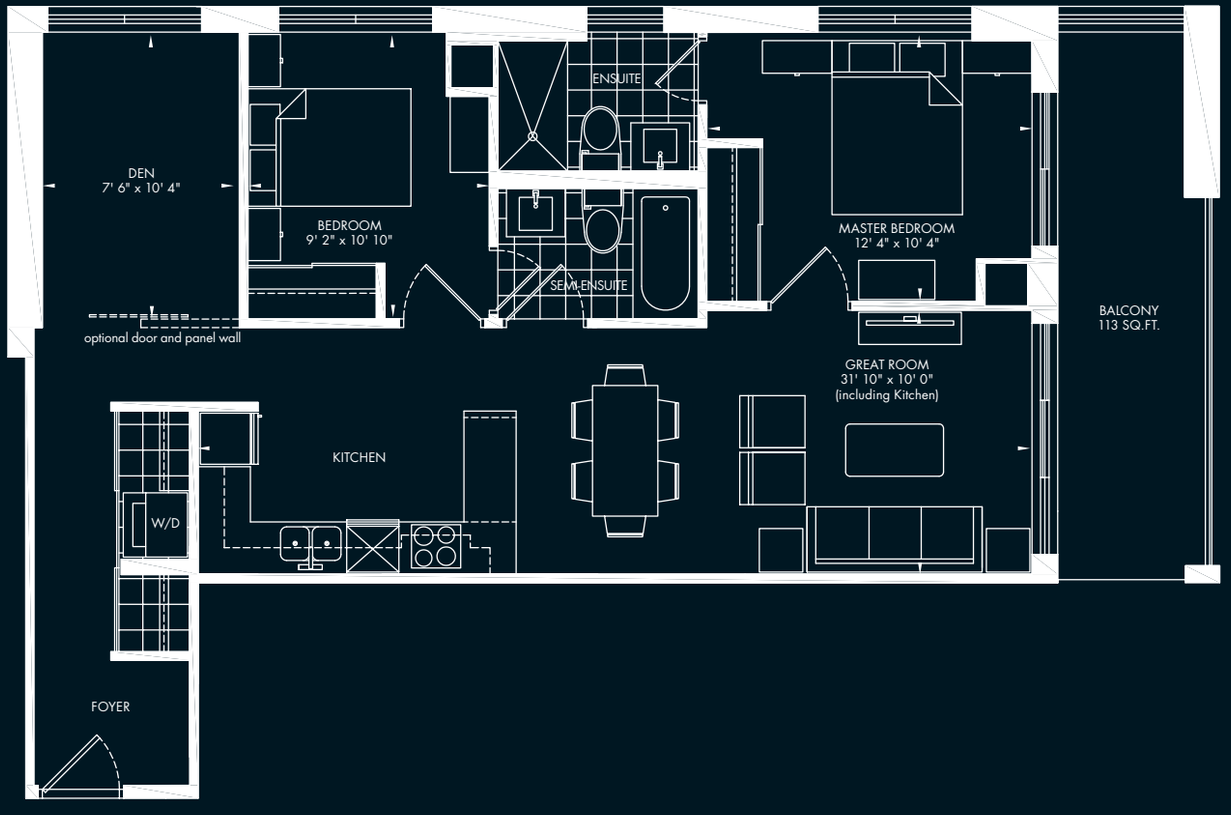

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Ingredients:

- 250 g (1/2 lb) cooked crabmeat, cleaned and picked through
- 1 jalapeno pepper, stemmed, seeded and minced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 12 fresh mint leaves, torn
- 90 ml (6 tbsp or 3/4 stick) unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 500 g (1 lb) angel hair pasta
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Salt, to taste

Preparation:

1. In bowl, combine crabmeat, jalapeno, garlic, mint, butter. Set aside.
2. Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil. Cook pasta according to package directions, about 3 minutes. When pasta is al dente, do not strain. Use tongs or a slotted spoon to scoop out pasta and add it to crab mixture. Toss, then add lemon juice. Season with salt. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ITALIAN MY WAY BY JONATHAN WAXMAN (SIMON & SCHUSTER, 2011)**

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World Cup. Finalists

▶ American forward Abby Wambach, second left, is mobbed by teammates after scoring yesterday in Germany.

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American women's soccer team partying like it's 1999

The United States kept its fans breathless again. And just like last time, Abby Wambach came up big. The American forward broke a tie with a thunderous header in the 79th minute, and the U.S. are heading to the Women's World Cup final for the first time since 1999 after a 3-1 victory over France yesterday. Wambach also had the game tying goal in the 122nd minute against Brazil in the quarterfinals.
"We've achieved part of our goal. We're in the final," Wambach said. "We want to complete it. We want to be world champs."
Japan will face the U.S. in Sunday's final after a 3-1 win over Sweden yesterday.

Top QBs ready to end lockout

Deadlines coming up next week to get NFL training camps, pre-season started on time

Calling the players' offer "fair for both sides," star quarterbacks Tom Brady, Peyton Manning and Drew Brees — plaintiffs in an antitrust suit against the NFL — said yesterday "it is time" to wrap up negotiations on a deal to end the league's lockout.

Brady, Manning and Brees spoke as a group publicly for the first time with talks in a critical phase, four months into the league's first work stoppage since 1987. Players and owners met yesterday morning at a Manhattan law office for the latest round of discussions.

Although it seems the sides have agreed on the basic elements of how to split more than $9 billion US in annual revenues, there are still key sticking points on how to structure a new rookie salary system and what free agency will look like.

"We share the view that now is the time to reach an agreement so we can all get back to football and a full 2011 season."
A STATEMENT RELEASED BY THE NFL YESTERDAY.

In a statement released to The Associated Press via the NFL Players Association, New England's Brady, Indianapolis' Manning and New Orleans' Brees said: "We believe the overall proposal made by the players is fair for both sides and it is time to get this deal done."

They continued: "This is the time of year we as players turn our attention to the game on the field. We hope the owners feel the same way."

In response, the NFL issued a statement saying: "We are working hard with the players' negotiating team every day to complete an agreement as soon as possible."

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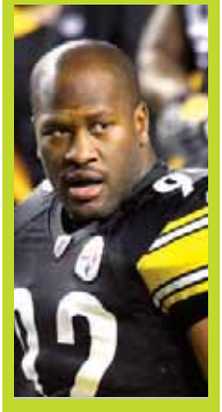

"I hate him and will never respect him."
PITTSBURGH STEELERS LINEBACKER JAMES HARRISON'S COMMENTS ON NFL COMMISSIONER ROGER GOODELL IN THE AUGUST ISSUE OF MEN'S JOURNAL. HARRISON, WHO ALSO CALLS GOODELL A "CROOK" AND A "DEVIL" IN THE ARTICLE, ISN'T SHY ABOUT RIPPING THE LEAGUE AFTER HE WAS DOCKED $100,000 FOR ILLEGAL HITS LAST SEASON.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	55	35	.611	—
New York	53	35	.602	1
Tampa Bay	49	41	.544	6
Toronto	45	47	.489	11
Baltimore	36	52	.409	18

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	49	43	.533	—
Cleveland	47	42	.528	½
Chicago	44	48	.478	5
Minnesota	41	48	.461	6½
Kansas City	37	54	.407	11½

WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	51	41	.554	—
Los Angeles	50	42	.543	1
Seattle	43	48	.473	7½
Oakland	39	53	.424	12

Yesterday's results
No Games Scheduled.
Tuesday's result
All-Star Game — At Phoenix
National League 5 American League 1
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Cleveland (Masterson 7-6) at Baltimore (Guthrie 3-12), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Colon 6-4) at Toronto (Reyes 4-7), 7:07 p.m.
Kansas City (Chen 5-2) at Minnesota (Liriano 5-7), 8:10 p.m.
Texas (D.Holland 7-4) at Seattle (Vargas 6-6), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	57	34	.626	—
Atlanta	54	38	.587	3½
New York	46	45	.505	11
Washington	46	46	.500	11½
Florida	43	48	.473	14

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	49	43	.533	—
St. Louis	49	43	.533	—
Pittsburgh	47	43	.522	1
Cincinnati	45	47	.489	4
Chicago	37	55	.402	12
Houston	30	62	.326	19

WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	52	40	.565	—
Arizona	49	43	.533	3
Colorado	43	48	.473	8½
Los Angeles	41	51	.446	11
San Diego	40	52	.435	12

Yesterday's results
No Games Scheduled.
Tuesday's result
All-Star Game
At Phoenix
National League 5 American League 1
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Florida (Ani.Sanchez 6-2) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 4-7), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 10-5) at Colorado (Jimenez 4-8), 8:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 4-9) at San Diego (Harang 7-2), 10:05 p.m.

LATE TUESDAY

NATIONAL 5, AMERICAN 1

American	ab	r	h	bi	National	ab	r	h	bi
Grndrs cf	2	0	0	0	RWeks 2b	3	1	0	0
Ellsury cf	2	0	0	0	BPhllps 2b	1	0	0	0
ACarer ss	2	0	0	0	Beltran dh	2	1	1	0
JhPerlt ss	2	0	0	0	Ethier ph-dh	1	0	1	1
AdGnzl 1b	2	1	1	1	GSnchz ph-dh	1	0	0	0
MiCarr 1b	1	0	0	0	Kemp cf	2	1	1	0
MiYong 3b	1	0	0	0	AMcCt cf	1	0	0	0
Bautist rf	2	0	1	0	Fielder 1b	2	1	1	3
Quentin rf	2	0	0	0	Votto 1b	2	0	0	0
JHmltn lf	2	0	1	0	McCnn c	2	0	0	0
Joyce lf	2	0	1	0	YMolin c	1	0	1	0
ABeltre 3b	2	0	1	0	Bruce ph-rf	1	0	0	0
Youkils 3b	1	0	1	0	Brkmn rf	1	0	1	0
Cuddyr 1b	1	0	0	0	J.Upton rf	2	0	0	0
D.Ortiz dh	2	0	0	0	Monter c	0	0	0	0
Konerk ph-dh	1	0	0	0	Hollidy lf	1	0	0	0
Cano 2b	2	0	0	0	Pence lf	2	1	1	0
HKndrc 2b	1	0	0	0	Tlwtzk ss	2	0	1	0
Avila c	2	0	0	0	SCastro pr-ss	1	0	0	0
Wieters c	1	0	0	0	Rolen 3b	2	0	0	0
PSndvl 3b	1	0	1	1					
Totals	**33**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**Totals**	**31**	**5**	**9**	**5**
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National					000 310 10x			—5	

E—Bruce, S.Castro. DP—AL 1. LOB—AL 6, NL 3. 2B—Y.Molina, P.Sandoval. HR—Ad.Gonzalez, Fielder. SB—R.Weeks, S.Castro 2. CS—Berkman.

American	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Weaver	1	0	0	0	1	1
Robertson	1	1	0	0	0	1
Pineda	1	0	0	0	0	2
C.Wilson L	1	3	3	3	0	1
Walden	1	2	1	1	0	1
C.Perez	1	1	0	0	0	1
League	1	2	1	1	0	1
Ogando	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
G.Gonzalez	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
National						
Halladay	2	0	0	0	0	1
Cl.Lee	1 2-3	3	1	1	0	0
Clippard W	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Kershaw	1	0	0	0	0	1
Jurrjens H	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Kimbrel H	1-3	0	0	0	1	0
Venters	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
H.Bell	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Hanrahan	1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Br.Wilson S	2-3	0	0	0	0	0

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	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	15	13	1	1	34	11	40
Edmonton	14	7	4	3	17	14	24
Puerto Rico	15	6	4	5	23	23	23
Minnesota	15	4	4	7	16	15	19
Tampa Bay	15	4	5	6	17	21	18
Fort Lauderdale	16	3	4	9	22	23	18
Montreal	15	2	8	5	12	16	11
Atlanta	15	2	11	2	15	33	8

Last night's results
Fort Lauderdale 1 Montreal 1
Carolina at Edmonton
Sunday's games
All Times Eastern
Atlanta at Montreal, 3:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 6 p.m.
Puerto Rico at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

SECOND ROUND — FIRST LEG
Yesterday's results
Bangor City (Wales) 0 HJK Helsinki (Finland) 3
Dinamo Zagreb (Croatia) 3 Neftci (Azerbaijan) 0
Linfield (Northern Ireland) 1 BATE Borisov (Belarus) 1
Maccabi Haifa (Israel) 5 Borac Banja Luka (Bosnia-Herzegovina) 1
Malmo (Sweden) 2 Torshavn (Faeroe Islands) 0
Partizan (Serbia) 4 Skendija (Macedonia) 0
Rosenborg (Norway) 5 Breidablik (Iceland) 0
Skenderbeu (Albania) 0 APOEL (Cyprus) 2
Skonto Riga (Latvia) 0 Wisla Krakow (Poland) 1
Sturm Graz (Austria) 2 Videoton (Hungary) 0
Zestafoni (Georgia) 3 Dacia Chisinau (Moldova) 0

FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Yesterday's results
SEMIFINALS
At Moenchengladbach, Germany
U.S. 3 France 1
At Frankfurt — Japan 3 Sweden 1
Saturday's game
THIRD PLACE
At Sinsheim, Germany
France vs. Sweden, 11:30 a.m.
Sunday's game
CHAMPIONSHIP
At Frankfurt — U.S. vs. Japan, 2:45 p.m.

MLS

Saturday's games
All Times Eastern
Colorado at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Vancouver, 4 p.m.
San Jose at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
D.C. United at Dallas, 9 p.m.
New York at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

COPA AMERICA

FIRST ROUND

Yesterday's results
At Salta, Argentina
Paraguay 3 Venezuela 3
At Cordoba, Argentina
Brazil vs. Ecuador
Tuesday's results
At Mendoza, Argentina
Chile 1 Peru 0
At La Plata, Argentina
Uruguay 1 Mexico 0

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE

At Carmaux, France
Stage 11 — 167.5 kilometres
1. Mark Cavendish, Britain, HTC-Highroad, three hours, 46 minutes, seven seconds; 2. Andre Greipel, Germany, Omega Pharma-Lotto, same time; 3. Tyler Farrar, United States, Garmin-Cervelo, s.t.; 4. Denis Galimzyanov, Russia, Katusha, s.t.; 5. Edvald Boasson Hagen, Norway, Sky Procycling, s.t.; 6. Romain Feillu, France, Vacansoleil-DCM, s.t.; 7. Jose Joaquin Rojas, Spain, Movistar, s.t.; 8. Sebastien Turgot, France, Europcar, s.t.; 9. Francisco Ventoso, Spain, Movistar, s.t.; 10. William Bonnet, France, Francaise des Jeux, s.t.
Canadian — 122. Ryder Hesjedal, Victoria, Garmin-Cervelo, s.t.
OVERALL STANDINGS
(after 11 stages)
1. Thomas Voeckler, France, Europcar, 45 hours, 52 minutes, 39 seconds; 2. Luis Leon Sanchez, Spain, Rabobank, one minute, 49 seconds behind; 3. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC, 2:26; 4. Frank Schleck, Luxembourg, Leopard-Trek, 2:29; 5. Andy Schleck, Luxembourg, Leopard-Trek, 2:37
Canadian — 51. Ryder Hesjedal, Victoria, Garmin-Cervelo, 15:32 behind leader.

TENNIS

ATP MERCEDES CUP

At Stuttgart, Germany
Singles — First Round
Victor Hanescu, Romania, def. Gael Monfils (1), France, 2-6, 7-6 (7), 6-4.
Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Andreas Seppi (7), Italy, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.
Second Round
Pablo Andujar, Spain, def. Albert Montanes, Spain, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Jeremy Chardy, France, leads Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 6-1, 1-0 (susp., rain).
Doubles — First Round
Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and **Adil Shamasdin, Pickering, Ont.**, def. Gael Monfils and Gilles Simon, France, 5-7, 6-3, 10-8 (tiebreak).

ATP SKISTAR SWEDISH OPEN

At Bastad, Sweden
Singles — First Round
Juan Monaco (6), Argentina, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (7), 6-2.
Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo, Spain, def. Andrey Golubev (7), Kazakhstan, 6-7 (4), 6-1, 6-2.
Andreas Haider-Maurer, Austria, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 7-5, 6-2.
Second Round
Robin Soderling (1), Sweden, def. Diego Junqueira, Argentina, 6-0, 6-1.
Tomas Berdych (3), Czech Republic, def. Teymuraz Gabashvili, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.
Potito Starace (8), Italy, def. Jonathan Dasnieres de Veigy, France, 6-0, 6-7 (5), 6-2.

WTA SNAI OPEN

At Palermo, Sicily
Singles — Second Round
Flavia Pennetta (1), Italy, def. Mathilde Johansson, France, 4-6, 7-5, 7-5.
Tsvetana Pironkova (6), Bulgaria, def. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1.
Polona Hercog (7), Slovenia, def. Alberta Brianti, Italy, 6-2, 6-4.
Petra Cetkovska (8), Czech Republic, def. Akgul Amanmuradova, Uzbekistan, 6-2, 6-4.

WTA NUERNBERGER GASTEIN LADIES OPEN

At Bad Gastein, Austria
Singles — First Round
Sybille Bammer, Austria, def. Simona Halep (6), Romania, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (6).
Second Round
Ksenia Pervak (8), Russia def. Nastja Kolar, Slovenia, 4-6, 7-6 (8), 6-2.
Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, def. Arantxa Parra Santoja, Spain, 6-3, 6-3.
Kateryna Bondarenko, Ukraine, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 7-5, 6-0.
Laura Pous-Tio, Spain, def. Kristina Barrois, Germany, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5).

TRANSACTIONS

CFL

LEAGUE OFFICE—Fined Saskatchewan DB Craig Butler an undisclosed amount for an illegal hit on Montreal WR S.J. Green during Saturday's game.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Named Ossama AbouZeid interim chief executive officer.

NHL

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Signed C Cody Bass to a one-year contract.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed F Mika Zibanejad to a three-year contract.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Signed F Jonathan Cheechoo to a one-year contract.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Re-signed C Mathieu Perrault to a one-year contract.

GOLF

BRITISH OPEN

At Sandwich, England
Tee times for today's opening round of the British Open at the 7,211-yard, par-70 Royal St. George's (all times Eastern; a-denotes amateur; competitors from the U.S., unless specified):
1:30 a.m.— Jerry Kelly; Nathan Green, Australia; Danny Willett, England.
1:41 a.m. — Thongchai Jaidee, Thailand; Mark Calcavecchia; Graeme Storm, England.
1:52 a.m.— Gregory Havret, France; Charley Hoffman; Markus Brier, Austria.
2:03 a.m.— Todd Hamilton; Simon Khan, England; Prayad Marksaeng, Thailand.
2:14 a.m. — Rhys Davies, Wales; Fredrik Jacobson, Sweden; Mark O'Meara
2:25 a.m. — Thomas Bjorn, Denmark; Simon Dyson, England; Gary Woodland
2:36 a.m. — K.T. Kim, South Korea; Ryan Moore; Alvaro Quiros, Spain.
2:47 a.m. — Bo Van Pelt; K.J. Choi, South Korea; Martin Laird, Scotland.
2:58 a.m.— Stephen Gallacher, Scotland; Bill Haas; Hiroyuki Fujita, Japan.
3:09 a.m. — Geoff Ogilvy, Australia; a-Peter Uihlein; Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain.
3:20 a.m. — Francesco Molinari, Italy; Tetsuji Hiratsuka, Japan; Stewart Cink
3:31 a.m. — Nick Watney; Matteo Manassero, Italy; Angel Cabrera, Argentina.
3:42 a.m.— Yuta Ikeda, Japan; Ian Poulter, England; Dustin Johnson
3:58 a.m. — Ben Curtis; Paul Casey, England; Aaron Baddeley, Australia.
4:09 a.m.— Ernie Els, South Africa; Rory McIlroy, Northern Ireland; Rickie Fowler
4:20 a.m.— Luke Donald, England; Ryo Ishikawa, Japan; Sergio Garcia, Spain.
4:31 a.m. — Retief Goosen, South Africa; Hunter Mahan; Anders Hansen, Denmark.
4:42 a.m.— Brian Davis, England; Camilo Villegas, Colombia; David Duval
4:53 a.m.— John Daly; Ross Fisher, England; Peter Hanson, Sweden.
5:04 a.m. — Gregory Bourdy, France; Jason Duffner; a-Craig Hinton, England.
5:15 a.m. — Alexander Noren, Sweden; Paul Lawrie, Scotland; Kevin Na
5:26 a.m. — Sean O'Hair; Seung-Yul Noh, South Korea; Thorbjorn Olesen, Denmark.
5:37 a.m. — Simon Edwards, Wales; Bob Estes; Richard McEvoy, England.
5:48 a.m. — Francis McGuirk, England; Matthew Millar, Australia; Kevin Streelman
5:59 a.m. — Mark Laskey, Wales; Thomas Shadbolt, England; Rick Kulacz, Australia.
6:10 a.m. — Simon Lilly, England; Chris Tidland; Neil Schietekat, South Africa.
6:31 a.m. — Peter Whiteford, Scotland; Spencer Levin; Thomas Aiken, South Africa.
6:42 a.m.— Prom Meesawat, Thailand; Martin Maritz, South Africa; Harrison Frazar
6:53 a.m. — Chad Campbell; Kenneth Ferrie, England; Scott Jamieson, Scotland.
7:04 a.m. — Raphael Jacquelin, France; Mark Wilson; Kyle Stanley
7:15 a.m. — Steve Marino; Richard Green, Australia; Pablo Larrazabal, Spain.
7:26 a.m. — Rory Sabbatini, South Africa; Sandy Lyle, Scotland; Anthony Kim
7:37 a.m. — Edoardo Molinari, Italy; Charles Howell III; Joost Luiten, Netherlands.
7:48 a.m. — Brandt Snedeker; a-Lucas Bjerregaard, Denmark; Trevor Immelman, South Africa.
7:59 a.m. — Darren Clarke, Northern Ireland; Jonathan Byrd; Y.E. Yang, South Korea.
8:10 a.m. — Lucas Glover; Hiroo Kawai, Japan; Robert Karlsson, Sweden.
8:21 a.m. — a-Bryden Macpherson, Australia; Matt Kuchar; Padraig Harrington, Ireland.
8:32 a.m. — Zach Johnson; Adam Scott, Australia; Justin Rose, England.
8:43 a.m. — Graeme McDowell, Northern Ireland; Jason Day, Australia; Bubba Watson
8:59 a.m.— Jim Furyk; Bernhard Langer, Germany; Tadahiro Takayama, Japan.
9:10 a.m.— Lee Westwood, England; Steve Stricker; Charl Schwartzel, South Africa.
9:21 a.m.— Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa; Martin Kaymer, Germany; Phil Mickelson
9:32 a.m.— Henrik Stenson, Sweden; a-Tom Lewis, England; Tom Watson
9:43 a.m.— Robert Allenby, Australia; Davis Love III; Fredrik Andersson Hed, Sweden.
9:54 a.m. — Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium; J.B. Holmes; S.M. Bae, South Korea.
10:05 a.m. — Webb Simpson; Robert Rock, England; Alejandro Canizares, Spain.
10:16 a.m. — Kurt Barnes, Australia; Justin Leonard; Jeff Overton
10:27 a.m. — Lee Corfield, England; Ben Crane; Floris De Vries, Netherlands.
10:38 a.m. — Ryan Palmer; Tom Lehman; Adam Wootton, England.
10:49 a.m. — Jung-Gon Hwang, South Korea; Gary Boyd, England, Robert Garrigus
11 a.m.— George Coetzee, South Africa; Andy Smith, England; Brad Kennedy, Australia.
11:11 a.m. — Jason Knutzon; Andrew Johnston, England; Chih-Bing Lam, Singapore.

CFL

WEEK THREE

EAST DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Montreal	2	2	0	0	69	51	4
Winnipeg	2	2	0	0	46	32	4
Toronto	2	1	1	0	39	43	2
Hamilton	2	0	2	0	26	52	0

WEST DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Edmonton	2	2	0	0	70	38	4
Calgary	2	1	1	0	55	55	2
B.C.	2	0	2	0	58	64	0
Saskatchewan	2	0	2	0	53	81	0

Tomorrow's game
All Times Eastern
Calgary at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Friday's game
Toronto at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Saskatchewan at Hamilton, 4 p.m.
B.C. at Edmonton, 7 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	TD	C	FG	S	Pts
Palardy, Wpg	0	3	6	2	23
Duval, Edm	0	8	4	2	22
McCallum, BC	0	4	6	0	22
Whyte, Mtl	0	8	4	1	21
Prefontaine, Tor	0	3	6	0	21
E.Johnson, Sask	0	6	3	2	17
Medlock, Ham	0	2	4	0	14
Barnes, Edm	2	0	0	0	12
Bratton, Mtl	2	0	0	0	12
Brown, BC	2	0	0	0	12
Cates, Sask	2	0	0	0	12
Cornish, Cal	2	0	0	0	12
Green, Mtl	2	0	0	0	12
Messam, Edm	2	0	0	0	12
Richardson, Mtl	2	0	0	0	12
Foster, BC	2	0	0	0	12
Paredes, Cal	0	4	2	0	10

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Allen ready to pass record on to Calvillo

'Records are meant to be broken and I truly understand that'

Damon Allen has no problem seeing his all-time CFL passing records fall to Montreal Alouettes quarterback Anthony Calvillo.

But the 23-year veteran who retired in 2007 feels it should not be forgotten that he was not only a top passer, but also ran the ball as well or better than most of the running backs of his era.

Calvillo is set to break Allen's record of 294 career touchdown passes and is expected to set new marks for completions and passing yards later in the season.

"I remember the first time I was in pursuit of Ron Lancaster's records and once I broke them, he told me that if there was one person he wouldn't mind breaking them it was me," Allen said yesterday on a conference call. "In this situation and with what Anthony is doing, I truly believe I can say the same thing.

"On a lighter note, he's a true passer. If I can add my (93) rushing touchdowns to that number, he would have a little bit more ways to go."

If he stays healthy, Calvillo should catch Allen's mark of 5,158 completions within a few games and pass his 72,381 passing yards later in the season.

But Allen had another weapon in his arsenal. His 11,920 rushing yards is third in league history behind running backs Mike Pringle (16,425) and George Reed (16,116).

The lumbering Calvillo is more than 6,000 yards behind Allen's rushing total.

"We're two different quarterbacks," Allen said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

Brit sprints to stage victory

TOUR DE FRANCE. Mark Cavendish of Britain won a rainy 11th stage of the Tour de France in a mass sprint yesterday, easily beating Andre Greipel of Germany on the line. French rider Thomas Voeckler still holds the leader's yellow jersey. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Raps add to coaching staff

NBA. The Toronto Raptors announced yesterday that Johnny Davis and Tom Sterner have been added to new coach Dwane Casey's staff. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Clemens' trial underway

STEROIDS. Prosecutors said yesterday that needles and cotton balls Roger Clemens' former trainer says he used to inject the star pitcher tested positive for Clemens' DNA and anabolic steroids — evidence the defence said was faked. Clemens faces charges of lying to U.S. Congress about using performance-enhancing drugs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB's first-half marred by injuries

From Derek Jeter to Albert Pujols and Joe Mauer, you could put together an all-star team just from the guys who have been stuck on the disabled list this season.

If 2010 was the Year of the Pitcher, 2011 might just be the Year of the Injury. David Wright, Buster Posey and Zack Greinke have missed big chunks of time as well, and the rash of injured stars may be one of the biggest reasons that all six division races are so close heading into the unofficial second half of the season.

With so many teams playing short-handed, no one has been able to break from the pack yet and take command of the pennant race, setting up a 2 1/2 month sprint to the finish.

Jeter spent 21 days on the shelf with a calf injury that slowed his pursuit of 3,000 hits, Pujols stunned everyone by coming back from a broken forearm after just two weeks and Mauer's seemingly unimpeachable image in his home state of Minnesota took a big hit when he spent most of the first two months of the season rehabbing a mysterious leg injury.

The current disabled list is chock full of stars — Johan Santana, Jon Lester, Roy Oswalt, Carl Crawford, Josh Johnson, Canadian Justin Morneau. And many of the trips haven't been quick ones. Others won't be back at all this year.

The Red Sox, Cardinals and Giants have somehow been able to weather a series of significant injuries and sit atop their respective divisions as the second half of the season is about to commence.

With the air-tight nature of the playoff chase — all six division leaders have a cushion of 3 1/2 games or fewer — it is conceivable that the teams who are able to remain the healthiest and avoid any more key injuries will be the ones that advance to the postseason.

How teams choose to address key injuries will also add some intrigue to the trade deadline, which is three weeks away. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3 MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN BASEBALL'S FIRST-HALF

BAUTISTA'S BARRAGE

Jose Bautista, Blue Jays

- Belted a league-high 31 homers in first half while hitting .334. Is on-pace to surpass his last year's mark of 54, which some thought was an anomaly.

JETER'S BIG DAY

Derek Jeter, Yankees

- Like everything else in his championship-drenched career, the Yankees shortstop did it in style, hitting a homer to become the 28th player in MLB history to reach 3,000 hits.

DISMAL DODGERS

Los Angeles Dodgers

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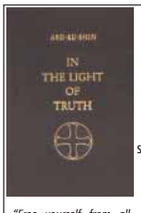

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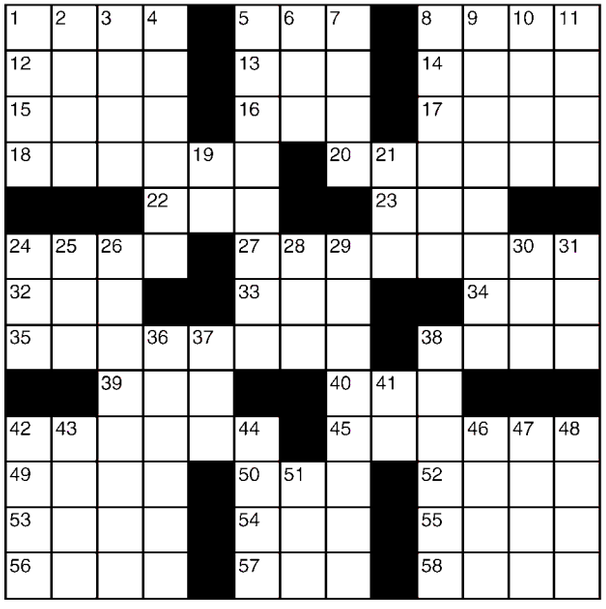

Across

1 Summertime pest
5 Leap
8 Mountain goat
12 Opulent
13 Forest bird
14 Thailand, once
15 From the beginning
16 Born
17 Taj Mahal city
18 Curie or Pompadour
20 Straightens
22 Trigger's rider
23 Scull tool
24 Unpaid bill
27 Important person
32 — Baba
33 Popular card game
34 Greek vowel
35 Pre-WWII music-makers
38 Kentucky fort
39 Dadaist artist
40 Baltimore newspaper
42 Go
45 Chalkboard accessory
49 Pumps up the volume
50 Every last bit
52 November responsibility
53 Wire measures
54 Mainlander's memento
55 Verve
56 Quarry
57 A billion years
58 Auctioneer's call

Down

1 Metric unit
2 1492 vessel
3 Served perfectly
4 Frustrate
5 "South Pacific" song
6 Have 24-Across
7 Entreaty
8 Book before Jeremiah
9 Dartmouth team
10 Deserve
11 Opening day?
19 37-Down, for ex.
21 Depressed
24 Slight touch
25 Inventor Wallach
26 New York City
28 Third-party abbr.
29 Kate of reality TV
30 Ike's old command
31 Remiss
36 Shamelessly bold
37 Spring seg.
38 Jacks
41 Ancient Sumerian city
42 Moist
43 Mideast noble
44 Story
46 Unaccompanied
47 List-ending abbr.
48 Tear asunder
51 Zodiac sign

▶ Yesterday's answer

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	3			9			1	

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Yesterday's answer ▶

1	8	9	2	7	4	5	3	6
7	4	2	5	3	6	1	9	8
6	3	5	9	1	8	7	4	2
9	2	1	8	6	7	4	5	3
8	7	4	3	2	5	9	6	1
3	5	6	1	4	9	2	8	7
4	9	7	6	8	2	3	1	5
2	6	3	4	5	1	8	7	9
5	1	8	7	9	3	6	2	4

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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Do you persevere with a project that's in a rut or do you start again from scratch? Taurus doesn't give up.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You need to be tough with people who waste your time on trivialities.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The approaching full moon will give people the idea that they can boss you around. Don't let it happen!

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Try not to give other people the impression that you agree with them when you really don't.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 This could be a tense and emotional time, so try to keep your more excitable tendencies under control.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Affairs of the heart must be handled with kid gloves today, and tomorrow.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You won't be able to stay in one place today: You've got to get out and about and see, and be seen.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 The approaching full moon cuts across the money axis of your chart and your cash flow situation.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 If you have doubts about a relationship, give it some thought but don't make any decisions quite yet.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you want a break, you must take it. Don't feel guilty: You've done more than your share.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. The Sun in Cancer means you're at your most dynamic. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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